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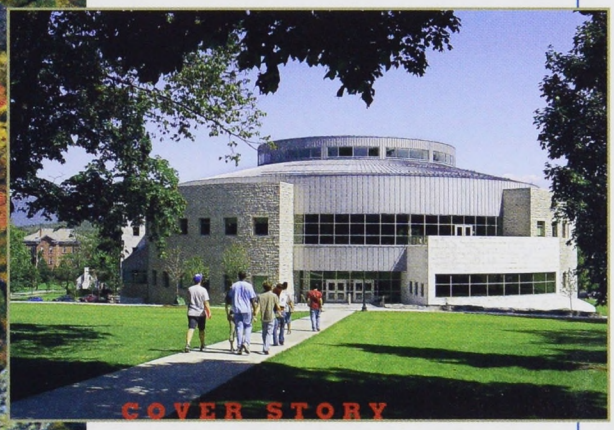

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A Revolutionary Story

HTAR HTAR YU '08 SITS AT A WORK STATION in the new library's Wilson Media Development Lab, staring intently at a flat-screen computer monitor, as a blur of digital images flashes before her eyes.

That Htar Htar is here at all is a minor miracle. She had never *seen* a computer—much less operated a souped-up Dell with a complex video-editing system—until five years ago, when she first laid eyes on an archaic Macintosh in an office in Thailand. For the first eight years of her life, Htar Htar lived in the jungles of Burma, before squatting in refugee camps on the Burmese-Thai border for another eight years, as her pro-democracy family hid from the ruling military dictatorship.

Htar Htar lost three siblings to illness in the jungle. This is the story she is telling—the story of her family, the story of her country—as she sits at a computer, surrounded by the comforts of a $40-million library nestled in the bucolic, rolling hills of Vermont.

In an accented husky voice, she begins to read the first few stanzas of her essay:

It was raining when my sister died . . .
My pregnant mother soon was giving birth.
My father . . . so far away, on duty.

Storage of firewood needed for baby's birth.
My sister, she was eight years old.
She helped search for firewood in the rain.

The rain, it was heavy.
She was too cold.
She went to bed . . .
In pain . . .

For a week.
I remember . . . she asked for my father.
Fastest messenger of the camp, no sound of his flip flops.
My mother, a nurse, no medicine in hand.

Time passed . . .
The weekend comes . . .
She died . . .
I remember that weekend,
My week old brother . . .
My mother's cries.

Htar Htar will record her narration, add a music track and mix the audio files to accompany her montage of video images to form a digital story (for more on digital storytelling, see "Modern Times," page 46). As the narrative starts, Htar Htar plans to use archival images of the Burmese civil war to provide the visual context for her spoken words.

It was raining when my sister died. "It was literally raining that day," Htar Htar says, "but look"—an image of a Burmese guerrilla carrying a bloodied compatriot comes on screen—"it was also raining war, raining death." She mimics the action of shooting a machine gun to get her point across further. "I'm telling my sister's story, but I'm also telling my country's story, the story of *all* my brothers and sisters."

On the weblog for her first-year seminar class—Future Communities: Technology and Social Revolution—Htar Htar writes: "Getting to know Technology is a revolution for me. For 17 years, I lived in jungle and refugee camp . . . Then . . . BOOM . . . I jump into technology world. United . . . States . . . of . . . America. Change . . . change . . . change . . . Not like my refugee camp!!!"

Though only a year of high school and a semester of intensive English language study separate Htar Htar from her former life in the jungle, she feels, justifiably, that she is a world away. "Coming to Middlebury has changed everything," she says. "Like I wrote on the blog, it's been my own personal revolution." —*MJ*

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I Can Confirm

Having been raised in orphanages from age 3 months 14 days to age 19, I can confirm two of the premises of professors David Parfitt and Dana Helmreich, in the article, "The Nature of Nurture," by Sally West Johnson '72 (summer 2004), namely, that babies separated from their mothers at birth have a harder time as adults and suffer developmental delay. As a consequence, dating, mating, and matrimony have been out of the question and my social life has been fractured and limping. Thinking, however, that everyone gets married, I stumbled into it. Not being able to show love and emotional support, my marriage collapsed after three years.

Another consequence of affective dysfunction has been the narrowing parameters of my work-a-day world. As a high school Spanish teacher, I could not advise a Spanish club because I could not relate with kids on a casual level. I could not emote with them even at Christmastime. As a sales agent for the Prudential Insurance Company, my effectiveness was limited, for I was not a "rapper," and surely not a "back-slapper." I lacked the knack for gaining centers of influence. The work was excruciatingly difficult, my production only average. Because of the lack of relational grounding, work such as serving on committees, registering people for activities, being a sales clerk, being a church greeter or an emcee, was out.

From infancy, I had no meaningful contact with parents, grandparents, uncles, aunts, or even cousins. I remember being kissed only two times while growing up: the first, was by the mother of another orphan boy to whose home I was once invited to spend Thanksgiving Day; the second, was by the "Kitchen Nun" when I was walking by her door one summer morning at St. Vincent's Orphanage.

In my first eleven years, I have no memory of being hugged or sitting on anyone's lap, or even having my hand held. I experienced little affirmation. By age three, emotional atrophy had set in.

All through childhood and early adulthood, my birthday was never celebrated nor did I attend anyone else's birthday. In all my growing up years, I visited family but a few times: at age seven, a fruitless and sterile visit with my mother at the Columbus State Mental Hospital, where she had been committed for schizophrenia; with my father shortly before he died at the Dayton, Ohio, VA Hospital; and several visits with each of my older sisters and second oldest brother during my high school and college years. I had only one visit that I recall at the infant home, and that was by my father.

In short, during my childhood years, I was a "fallen-through-the-boards kid." At St. Vincent's, only the "together kids" were those who served at Mass or other religious services. They were the only ones chosen to play musical instruments. At the State Home in Xenia, Ohio, there were two Scout troops, 75 and 62. The first, was for the kids "who had arrived," the second, for the socially inadequate, those who had "fallen through the boards." Mercifully, the latter group was afforded this outlet.

Psychological and academic tests were required for admission to the State Home. When I was ten, a psychologist from Ohio State University at the Columbus Children's Hospital tested me. In his report he said: "Virgil certainly does not put his best foot forward. He is very diffident and very slow in his responses; slow also in movement, as in use of pencil for writing or drawing. One wonders whether some of this is due to the fact that he has been at St. Vincent's all his life. In any case, he seems and acts like the over-institutionalized child is supposed to do. His oral reading is surprising good for a boy who scored only eight and a half years on the 1916 Stanford-Binet scale. He is certainly retarded in his intellectual development and considerably below average in his ability for schoolwork." Signed: Francis N. Maxfield, psychologist, Oct. 17, 1939.

Upon entering the State Home, I was placed back a grade. Upon entering Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, I had to take remedial English.

Virgil Gelormino, Spanish '62
Dayton, Ohio

EXAMINING NURTURE AND NATURE
Sally West Johnson's summer cover story "The Nature of Nurture" elicited a number of moving responses, including letters from a former orphanage resident and a psychoanalyst.

Post the Results

It was with interest that an attorney in my office read the recent article on separation anxiety ("The Nature of Nurture," summer 2004.) The attorney deals in juvenile matters and asked if the research results would be published in a future edition of *Middlebury Magazine*. I thought that she raised an interesting point, and I encourage letting your many interested readers know, as well, so that they

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may perhaps be able to access the report online. A word to the researchers in the biology department: keep us informed! And thank you for the wonderful magazine my mother and I continue to receive.

Daniel Zwickel ben Avram
(son of Jean Wiley Zwickel '35)
Pittsburg, California

Analyze This, Too

I read with great interest the recent article "The Nature of Nurture" (summer 2004). It was full of valuable new information on the borderline of brain research and early infant psychology. However, I was puzzled by the lack of reference to the many decades of research by psychoanalysts on the effects of early childhood separation from the mother. One of the most important psychoanalytic researchers in the field was Rene Spitz. His paper, "Hospitalism: An Inquiry into the Genesis of Psychiatric Conditions in Early Childhood," compared the development of two groups of children, one from a foundling home and one from a nursery, during the first year of life, and the consequences of lack of maternal contact for each group (*Psychoanalytic Study of the Child,* 1941 1:53-74). He continued to contribute to psychoanalytic developmental research until 1971.

Other psychoanalysts, such as Dr. Margaret Mahler and Dr. Anni Bergman have continued to focus on issues of separation and individuation. (See Mahler, M.; Pine, F.; and Bergman, A. *The Psychological Birth of the Infant,* 1975, Basic Books.) Incidentally, Dr. Anni Bergman will be honored in December 2004 by a meeting of the New York Freudian Society for her many contributions to the studies of early infancy.

I hope that I am not being presumptuous, but important psychoanalytic research is so often neglected by the academic world that I thought it worthwhile to bring it to your attention.

Edwin Fancher '45
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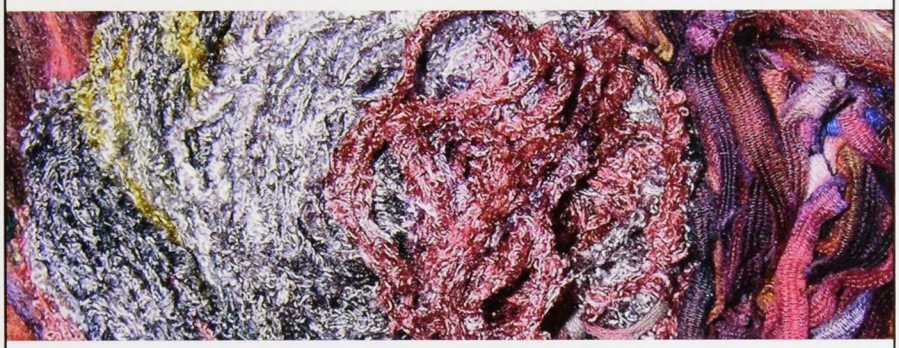

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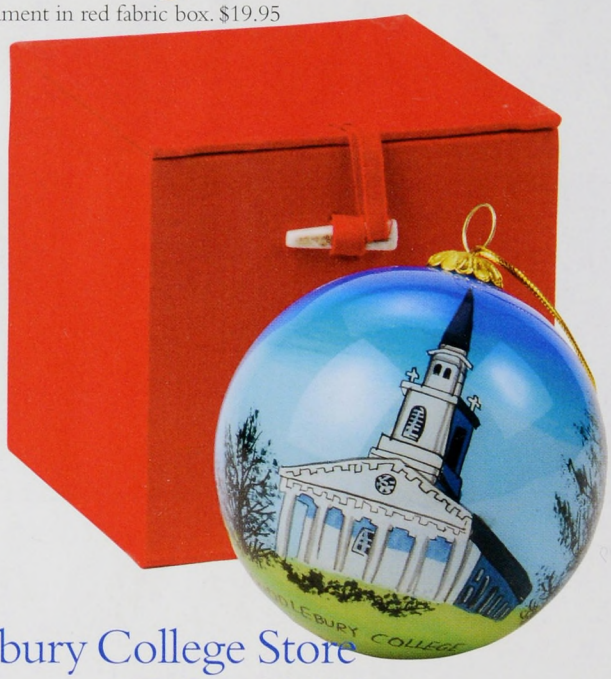

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The World's Best Must Serve

I am heartened to read the summer edition letters by Captain Dan Nelson '98 and George Logan '61 in response to the spring article about Captain Brendan O'Donohoe ("A Soldier's Story"). Their messages of encouraging Middlebury "to take a fresh look at its relationship with our armed forces" is consistent with the views of many Middlebury veterans. This is a major theme that emerged from the Middlebury Veterans Reunions in 2000 and 2003, and which also was so eloquently expressed by trustee emeritus retired Lieutenant General William E. Odom (P'87) at the 2000 reunion.

Recent events in Afghanistan and Iraq have shed light on the need for thoughtful, balanced judgment and intelligence in decisions that affect our country and the world. Middlebury, because it guides students with such great potential, has a special responsibility to our society to deliver to it people who can make contributions in all fields, including the military.

Middlebury has answered America's call to arms throughout most of its history, by supporting military service in the Civil War, offering military service programs, such as the Student Army Training Corps in WWI, the Navy V-12 program in WWII, and the Army ROTC program during Korea and Vietnam, and by providing a place for veterans to complete their education. Thousands of Middlebury people served, and nearly 100 have given their lives over the years while contributing to our national security. Since Vietnam, the College has offered ROTC through an affiliation with UVM, but otherwise, to my knowledge, has not provided students opportunities to seriously consider military service.

For decades to come, national security needs will require the best of the free world's intellectual capital, imagination and creativity. As Middlebury reassesses its vision and role in society it needs to decide how it can participate, once again, in national defense by offering opportunities for military service.

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Sacrifice for a Few?

I write to add my name to the growing chorus of voices lauding the Iraq service of Brendan O'Donohoe '99 ("A Soldier's Story," spring 2004), and expressing concern about Middlebury's treatment of things military during the tenure of our last president, John M. McCardell Jr.

There is a huge and widening disconnect between our culture's lavish admiration for the wartime sacrifices of previous generations (the nostalgia for the stories, histories, and memorializing of our "greatest generation" is an example) and our society's unwillingness to make such sacrifices in the current war on terror. The result is that today's sacrifices are being made by an increasingly small and unrepresentative portion of our society: young men and women who are (or were before enlisting) less wealthy, less white, and less educated than the citizenry on whose behalf they are killing and dying. Moreover, these troops are serving under the leadership of junior officers drawn much less frequently from elite, liberal-arts institutions like Middlebury. In short, neither we, as citizens at large, nor our college, as an incredibly blessed community, is doing its share.

I find this circumstance shameful, and lay much of the blame squarely on the shoulders of President Emeritus McCardell. John is well liked and has been a very effective fund-raiser. But while he himself is a veteran and has always talked a good game in his dealings with the Middlebury veterans group formed five years ago, I believe he never addressed this critical issue.

This is supremely ironic. John made his scholarly mark as a historian, describing the South's refusal to let go its romantic notions of honor and duty in the "Lost-Cause" era following the Civil War. He has delighted each year in assembling a group of Civil War reenactors in his own back yard, personally firing off a heavy musket and inviting his students to do likewise. He apparently regards these moves as a complete answer to his own rhetorical warning that, in raising funds and building buildings, we must never lose sight of the college's "core mission" to teach students and "to

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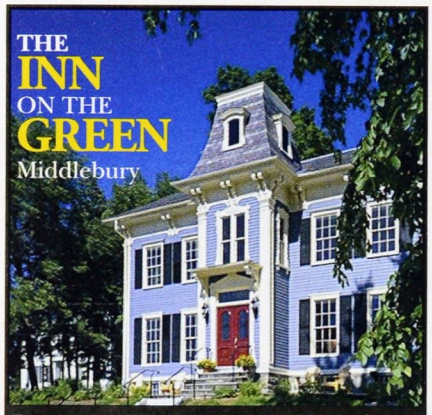
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lead by example."

To teach what and to lead at what? Vicariously experiencing war in the most sanitized and offhanded way possible? When comes the actual encouraging and facilitating of present-day sacrifice and service as *real* soldiers, for those students who might wish to consider it? *When comes the impassioned urging to the College community to shoulder its share of the current national burden?*

At a session for alumni fund-raisers last year, Kim Loewer '76, the president of Midd's alumni association, read from a letter he had received from Ken Cosgrove '42. The letter was Ken's trip down memory lane as a student during WWII. In it he wrote:

"Dec 7, 1941. Upon returning to my frat house, I saw all my brother Dekes marching in formation on the front lawn with mops and brooms over their shoulders and one of the brothers hollerin' out commands. Half of those boys lost their lives in WWII."

Deke is gone, WWII is gone, and the spirit that animated those brothers in 1941 is apparently gone too—despite President Bush's insistence that 9/11 was the modern equivalent of Pearl Harbor, and that we now face an apocalyptic war of good against evil. Whatever may be the truth of the matter, when a nation's killing and dying are to be done, only those willing to accept their fair share of the risk and sorrow of it deserve to call themselves full citizens of a free republic. As of yet, I believe, those leading Middlebury have not earned the title.

Michael K. Heaney '64
Madison, Connecticut

Correction

A number of eagle-eyed readers noticed an egregious grammatical mistake on page 19 of the summer 2004 issue. In the story "Reality Check," we erroneously wrote: "And on the tennis courts, momentum was not on Middlebury's side when Williams captured the doubles point and the No. 1 singles match on the way to *it's* way to a quick 3-1 lead in the best-of-seven championship match." Chalk the unforced error up to an unfortunate typo.

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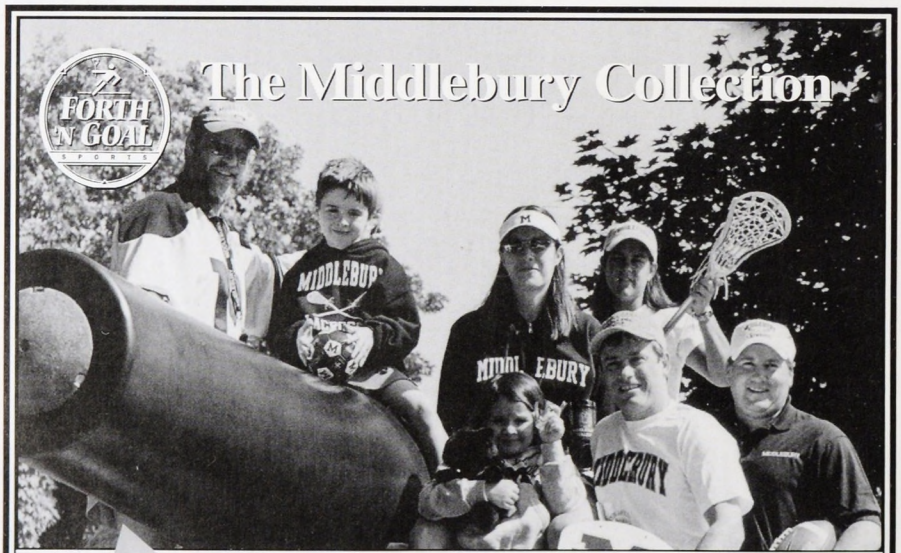
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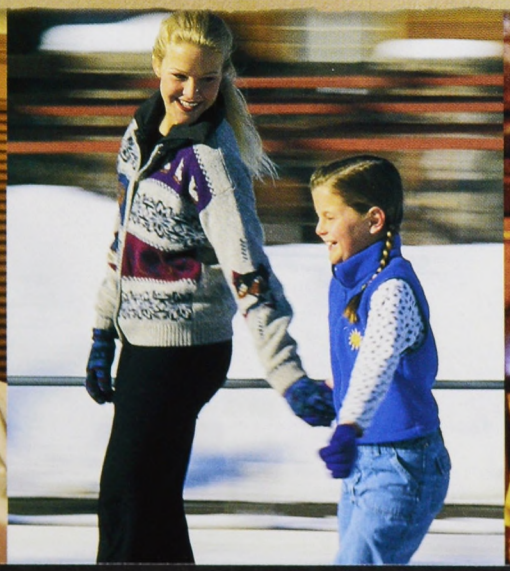

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The Melting Pot

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PERFORMING ARTS SERIES:
Pieter Wispelwey, cello
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Helge Kjekshus, piano

DECEMBER 12
Lessons & Carols
for Advent and Christmas

JANUARY 3
(THROUGH JANUARY 14)
STUDIO ART:
Exhibition of
Large-Format Drawings

JANUARY 11
PERFORMING ARTS SERIES:
Richard Goode, piano

JANUARY 20–22
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Uphill Downhill

Global Awareness
More than 50 international students from 35 countries participated in a three-day international student orientation. Below, Papa Faye '08 of Senegal (center, gray robe) breaks the ice with a joke. Photograph by Dennis Curran

Get on the Bus

I HEARD THE BUS BEFORE I SAW IT RUMBLING UP Middlebury's South Street toward my house, where I sat on the front porch waiting to be picked up. It had been at least 20 years since I had waited for a school bus, and a twinge of anxiety flashed through my body (repressed fifth-grade angst perhaps?)—until the 1991 GMC diesel, with scenes of lush cornfields painted on its exterior, came into view, and I was greeted with a chorus of shouts from the Middlebury students on board: "Come aboard. . . . Hop on the bus."

A day before setting off on a 90-day, 15,000-mile excursion, the 13-member crew of Project BioBus had offered to take me on a spin around Addison County in their biodiesel-powered school bus, and I had jumped at the opportunity.

A little over a year ago, a group of students and recent grads toured the country in a bus powered by vegetable oil. The summer road trip generated a great deal of publicity—and left the returning eight students with a desire to do more. After recruiting five new members, they incorporated a nonprofit organization (Project BioBus Ltd), purchased a used school bus, and began planning for their current venture: an advocacy trip across the U.S. that would promote the benefits of biodiesel fuel.

Made from refined vegetable oil, biodiesel fuel is touted as a safe, renewable, clean-burning fuel that does not require a modified engine; any diesel engine can run on biodiesel fuel. Over the course of their 90-day trip, Project BioBus will crisscross the country, traveling to California and back, while visiting schools and other "green institutions" in 22 cities, promoting biodiesel as a healthier, domestic alternative to petroleum fuels.

"This trip is a lot more *mature* than the original trip," laughed Thomas Hand '05, an environmental studies major from Dorset, Vermont. Hand is the primary mechanic on the team—he built and added a 100-gallon fuel tank to the bus, which will supplement the original 60-gallon tank—and during our brief tour, he adeptly steered the cumbersome vehicle along narrow country roads through Cornwall and Weybridge.

In the back of the bus, the crew created a lounge by removing all but a few bench seats and positioning the remaining seats parallel to the sides of the vehicle, creating a more open space. A pair of Bose speakers hung from the ceiling, facing a small bookshelf that had been mounted above the emergency exit door. The students also built a pair of fold-down desks, resembling wooden mini-ironing boards, and recycled the metal supports from the discarded benches to serve as overhead shelf space.

Because space is limited, what doesn't fit on the bus (spare tire, tarps, tent) will be stored on a roof rack. Hand's diesel Jetta will be used as a support vehicle, hauling extra gear, with two students rotating from the bus to the car along the route. On the road, the crew will crash at friends' houses in larger cities, camp when possible, and take advantage of a few complementary stays at hotels that signed on as sponsors. The media attention from the last Biobus tour has made it easier to approach sponsors this time around, said Lindsey Corbin '05. They've even arranged to park the bus in Times Square while in New York.

Having received a healthy amount of financial support from the sponsors (including a $10,000 grant from the College), the BioBus crew said they feel some pressure to get their message across effectively. "But then we think about *what* we're promoting and how we really believe in it, and instinct takes over," said May Boeve '06.

At stops where formal presentations are scheduled, two or three students will handle the presentation, another group will set up an info booth at the bus, and a third group will run errands (doing laundry, getting food, setting up logistics for future stops). Everyone will get a chance to present, and no presentation will be the same. "We all have different strengths and different areas of expertise," explained Jonathan Overman '05. But each presentation will obviously have a common message.

"Right now we are intent on raising awareness," said Hand. "We want to show schools that they can integrate this efficient fuel into their institutions, and we want the public to see that switching from a fossil fuel to a renewable resource does not mean a change in lifestyle. Down the road, sure, we'd love to see if we could initiate tangible results." He smiled. "But that's another trip."

—*Matt Jennings*

ILLUSTRATION BY TIM ZELTNER

Five Questions for...

Deborah Ellis, Visiting Assistant Professor of Film and Media Culture

An independent filmmaker and educator, Deb Ellis recently co-directed, coproduced, and edited the documentary Howard Zinn: You Can't Be Neutral on a Moving Train. *Detailing the life and times of historian, activist, and author Howard Zinn, Ellis's documentary won the audience documentary award at the Provincetown (Massachusetts) Film Festival.*

1. Why did you decide to make a film on Howard Zinn?
I was first introduced to Zinn as an undergraduate through his book *The Politics of History*. It was the first time I was taught to question why history was written in a certain way, and it really resonated with me at that time. Then a few years ago my coproducer Dennis Mueller came to me with some preliminary material on a film on Zinn, and I joined the project as codirector and coproducer. Both of us have always made films on social issues, and through Zinn we were able to tell a story of American history that we had always wanted to tell.

2. What was your approach, technically and artistically, in portraying Zinn?
It was a very traditional documentary, structured chronologically, and we arrived at that structure only after a lot of experimentation. Ultimately we wanted a film that a broad audience could respond to—this was not a critical film. The purpose of this film was to show the history of activism through the 20th century and use Zinn's life as a hook. The difficulty of a project like this is that we were working with a very low budget and I think—for better or worse—it shows in the film. With funding, this film fell right down the middle—neither Dennis nor I are big enough to attract the big money, the film was too radical for traditional funding and didn't challenge traditional form enough for artsy funding.

3. Many critics have compared your film to Michael Moore's *Fahrenheit 9/11* — how would you compare the two films?
I like what Matt Ashare, the critic for the *Boston Phoenix*, said: "If *Fahrenheit 9/11* unveils the problem, then *You Can't Be Neutral on a Moving Train* offers the hope that there indeed are solutions." I think it was luck that they came out at the same time. I was nervous because we opened on the same day in Boston, but the overflow audience from *Fahrenheit 9/11* came to our film. After that, the theater scheduled our film to always open 15 minutes after *Fahrenheit 9/11*, and so we had a great run in Boston!

4. What is your favorite part of the film? Interviewing Daniel Ellsberg, who has always been a hero of mine, and making a connection between the Vietnam era and today. When we were finished making the first version of the film, we had a very unusual experience by getting to go back and make a longer version—we thought we were making it for TV and we hadn't anticipated a theatrical release. We got to make it longer, and make it better by adding the Ellsburg interview. That felt like a miracle.

5. The film was a very positive portrayal of Zinn—is there anything he has done or promoted that you disagree with?
I think it was a choice we made not to be critical of him. There are two different ways you can make a biography. I do think there is more work that can be done on his life and work—and some of that is being done right now in another project—but we made a choice and took a particular path. I believe academia doesn't take a film like this as well as the general public. I think it is because academia is invested in being critical and in some ways is out of touch. This film is very rooted in humanity.

—Interviewed by Lindsey Whitton '05

Photograph by Dennis Curran

Hillel Turns 50

Nancy Berkowitz Fredland '57 recalls what it was like to be Jewish on campus 50 years ago, when people weren't comfortable identifying themselves as Jewish. World War II was not that far behind, and she and others felt leery, she remembers. Chapel attendance was mandatory, even for the handful of non-Protestants on campus, including approximately 18 Jews. Although Chaplain Charles Scott '55 "tried to make it nondenominational," Fredland says, "it wasn't particularly ours."

Contrast that with a service in Mead Chapel on September 15, 2004, when the sanctuary was filled from altar to vestibule with students, faculty, and community members who had come to celebrate Rosh Hashanah, the beginning of the Jewish New Year. Associate chaplain Rabbi Ira Schiffer was officiating. A basket of white yarmulkes was set out for those who needed one; the pear-wood ark, which houses the Torah, gleamed under the chapel lights; and so many people were in attendance (about 350) that, on three occasions during the service, Rabbi Schiffer needed to ask people to share their prayer books.

Although Fredland would not have imagined this level of Jewishness at Middlebury in 1954, she and several fellow students laid its foundation when they organized Hillel that year. Hillel is an international student organization, founded in 1923 at the University of Illinois, that helps Jews explore and celebrate their Jewish identities.

"Chaplain Scott was forward thinking and very receptive to the idea," says Fredland. After organizing, they began to conduct their own Friday night services in a second-floor room in the student center. Edward Maline '57, who conducted some of those early services, went on to become a rabbi. That small group had real lasting power.

This is Hillel's 50th year at Middlebury. The attendance at Shabbat dinners, habitually 8 to 10 students, has quadrupled. "We have as many as 35 to 45 students coming on a Friday night," says Mike Vilarello '05, Hillel's copresident, "and at least 10 aren't Jewish." Vilarello stresses this point: all interested people are invited to Hillel. For students like copresident Rachel Schiffer '06, who spent five years in Israel and whose faith is central to her life, Hillel offers a spiritual home. "If there were no Hillel here," she says, "I would not be a happy person."

In the last decade, Hillel developed the infrastructure that allowed it to flourish: a Jewish community center founded in 1993; a kitchen, built in 1999, that made it possible to serve kosher meals; and the assistance of the associate chaplain, hired in 2001, who acts as Hillel adviser. The organization now sponsors a Hebrew lunch table and an ambitious *Tzedek*, or social action program.

While Hillel's Jubilee celebration will be observed all year, events on November 12–13 will provide the centerpiece: a reunion of Hillel alumni, the Silberman Symposium in Jewish Studies, and the production of *The Melting Pot* by Israel Zangwill. In the spring, a performance of Ernest Bloch's *Sacred Service* is planned.

During Hillel's opening day this semester, a record number of first-year students dropped in to learn about the organization. Vilarello and Rachel Schiffer were both thrilled by the turnout. "Here at Middlebury," says Vilarello, "we've surpassed any goal we've set."

—*Regan Eberhart*

Happy New Year
Rabbi Ira Schiffer blows a shofar, signalling the beginning of the 10-day period known as the High Holy Days.

Photograph by Michael Sipe

Go Fish

HAVE YOU HEARD THE ONE about the fish that traveled thousands of miles, from the wild, open waters of Alaska to the rolling hills of Vermont?

"Well, it all started with a student," begins Matthew Biette, the College's director of dining services. He's recalling how Camille Padilla '07 arrived as a first-year student last year and noticed immediately that farm-raised salmon was a common selection in the dining halls. A native of Sitka, Alaska—and a member of an active fishing family—Padilla approached Biette and asked whether he'd be interested in serving her home state's wild salmon as well. After doing some research, Biette made the switch altogether.

According to recently released research from SUNY-Albany, there are several reasons why wild salmon is simply better than farmed salmon. Most obviously, the wild salmon live in open waters and eat natural food, while their farm-raised counterparts are penned and fed in close quarters, which can foster rapidly spreading disease and parasites. Consequently, pesticides and antibiotics are often added to their feed. Farm-raised salmon can also contain higher levels of heavy metals, as well as unnecessary additives, such as dyes to make them look less gray and more "pink," like their wild cousins. Overall, Biette and others learned that wild salmon lead healthier lives, swim in cleaner environments, and offer a more pleasing taste.

"Alaskan salmon costs a bit more," notes Padilla, "but if more colleges and universities offered it—even only part of the time—the benefits would be worth it."

With Padilla's help, Biette made contact with Washington-based Seafood Producers Cooperative—a 60-year-old organization of more than 500 working fishermen—and coordinated the College's decision to buy 25,000 pounds of salmon fillets.

Not only will this fish provide a nutritious and flavorful meal for Middlebury students, but the change will also benefit the environment. "It's the right thing to do for several reasons," Biette explains. "Middlebury College already supports our local agriculture and participates in Vermont Fresh Network, a statewide organization connecting farmers, chefs, and consumers. The decision to buy wild Alaskan salmon complements that tradition of fair trade and environmental sustainability."

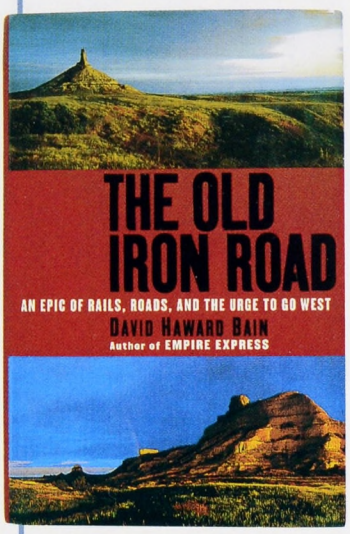
—Blair Kloman, M.A. English '94

Looking for Inauguration Coverage?

Coverage of the inauguration of Ronald D. Liebowitz as Middlebury College's 16th president will appear in the winter 2004 issue.
The fall magazine was on press when President Liebowitz was inaugurated on October 10.

Faculty Shelf

AFTER 14 YEARS OF PAINSTAKING WORK ON *EMPIRE EXPRESS*, a chronicle of the first transcontinental railroad, DAVID HAWARD BAIN thanked his wife and children for their unwavering support by taking them on a transcontinental journey of their own: a summer-long meander along the railroad's path. Bain, a historian and English lecturer, recounts that summer in his latest book, *The Old Iron Road* (Viking, 2004).



In summer 2000, the Bain family packed their car and headed west from Orwell, Vermont. By the time they reached California, they had logged 7,000 miles, paying visits along the way to myriad relics and symbols of the American West: train tracks, old military roads, emigrant routes, ghost towns, museums, battlegrounds. Part travelogue, part history lesson, and all-out family adventure, *The Old Iron Road* takes us on a compelling trek through our country and our history.

Once one of the most popular playwrights in England, George Bernard Shaw revolutionized British theater with witty works that focused on ideas. Yet, according to English professor JOHN BERTOLINI in his introduction to *Man and Superman and Three Other Plays*, Shaw has fallen out of favor in the last century. The sad state of affairs for Shaw extends beyond a paucity of performances to include the academic realm: Shaw's works are often omitted from drama anthologies, and fewer colleges are offering Shaw seminars. Bertolini has taken steps to rectify the situation with this and a second volume of Shaw's plays, *Pygmalion and Three Other Plays* (Barnes & Noble Classics, 2004). In both, he provides extensive introductions and notes, along with fascinating facts and explanations about Shaw's time and art. Anyone with an interest in theater, literary history, or Shavian philosophy will appreciate Bertolini's insights.

Acclaimed sculptor Buky Schwartz creates sculpture out of almost anything: stainless steel, tables, Hebrew letters, artificial red roses, PVC tubing, scaled figures, chairs, indoor and outdoor objects, and video systems. His work defies labeling, and it is always witty and inventive, creating illusions that force viewers to experience the world differently. Professor TED PERRY is the editor of *The Seeing I* (Academy Chicago Publishers, 2004), Schwartz's second book about his art, which includes a preface by Perry. *The Seeing I* not only illustrates Schwartz's work, but also offers analytical text and essays to provide a deeper understanding of the artist.

—Regan Eberhart

PHOTOGRAPH BY TAD MERRICK

Golden Anniversary

FRANK PUNDERSON '55, CAMERA IN HAND, had just turned his back on Middlebury's offensive zone and started to walk down the sideline toward the Panthers' defensive end when midfielder Gabe Wood '06 received a nifty pass from Nicholas Colacchio '05 and rocketed home the Panthers second goal in a 2-0 win over Wesleyan in late September. It was one of the few goals Punderson has missed in the past 50 *years* of Middlebury soccer.

Punderson was just an eager 18-year-old freshman in 1951 when he volunteered to referee local high school soccer games. Before long, he was arranging scrimmages between high-school teams and a ragtag band of College players, and by the following fall, the seeds of a varsity sport had taken root.

After competing as a club team for two years, soccer at Middlebury was elevated to varsity status by the Board of Trustees in 1954, and that fall, the team registered an undefeated season, winning five matches and tying two.

This year, Middlebury celebrates 50 years of men's soccer at the College, a half-century span that has witnessed 45 winning seasons (for an overall record of 391-150-73), 27 All-Americans, and 67 All-New England performers.

Punderson, of course, has been instrumental in commemorating the 50th anniversary and organizing festivities for homecoming weekend. As the clock wound down on Middlebury's game with Wesleyan—the Panthers' fifth victory in five tries in the young season—he let out a booming, "Way to go Midd," and tugged on his cap, a beige baseball hat with "50th year, Middlebury Soccer" stitched above the brim. Standing next to him was Andy McCabe '83, a fellow soccer alum. McCabe, too, sported the commemorative hat and had a 50th-anniversary T-shirt slung over his shoulder. He turned to say something to Punderson, but the father of Midd soccer now had his back to the field, his camera trained on a group of young kids, decked out in Middlebury gear, kicking a soccer ball and zigzagging among the spectators. It seemed that the past, present, and perhaps the future of Midd soccer were in perfect harmony.

Middlebury Nabs Napster

THE COMPUTER PROGRAM that once launched numerous lawsuits and served as the poster child for illegal file sharing on the Internet is back online, legal—and a free service for Middlebury students after the College became one of six colleges and universities to subscribe to the "new" Napster.

When the peer-to-peer file-sharing system relaunched in 2003 as a monthly subscription service (after a court-imposed shutdown as the result of successful copyright infringement lawsuits), Napster faced a sizable dilemma: how to win back its largest customer base—college students—to a service that now required payment, when free, but illegal, file-sharing services were still operating online. The company approached colleges throughout the U.S. with an offer of a cut-rate subscription. The college or university would buy a yearlong subscription at a negotiated fee, and the service would be available to all its students.

Last spring, a group of Middlebury students researched the initiative, gauged its popularity among the student body, and successfully petitioned the Student Activity Board to invest funds in a one-year subscription. The idea of a relatively convenient, free, and legal music service has apparently appealed to many Middlebury students, hundreds of whom registered for their Napster account during the first week of school.

After spending a few minutes registering for the program, students are now able to download or stream hundreds of thousands of songs through their computer. "I'm obsessed with this," said Sarah McCabe '05, as she scrolled through scores of albums and selected one to play. "Every time I get back to my room—whatever mood I am in—I get to search for a song to match that mood. I have my LSAT studying songs, my Friday night songs, my Monday morning songs. . . . It's great."

> "Every time I get back to my room—whatever mood I'm in—I get to search for a song that matches that mood," said Sarah McCabe '05.

David Donahue '91, associate dean of Library and Informational Services, admits that the new Napster agreement still has a few problems—most notably its incompatibility with Macintosh computers—but in general he is optimistic about the initiative and its reception among students. "If this helps students make a better choice about where they get their music," he said, "then I think that is a great thing."

—*Lindsey Whitton '05*

PHOTOGRAPH BY TAD MERRICK

Quote/Unquote

"Dickens loved to write in episodes. Tell me he wouldn't have a blog if he were alive today."

—College writing instructor and blog enthusiast Barbara Ganley

The Skinny on the Library & Atwater

Library

Total square footage

143,700

Number of study carrels and seats at study tables

500

ARCHITECTS

Gwathmey Siegel & Associates, New York
Andropogon Associates (landscape), Philadelphia
Michael Singer, sculptor, (reading garden), Vermont

WOOD

The library contains 150,000 board feet of Vermont harvested hardwood; 70 percent comes from the College's Bread Loaf certified forest land.

STONE

Marble, slate, and granite from Vermont and Canada

CREATURE COMFORTS

On-site café, comfy recliners and armchairs

TECHNOLOGY

Building-wide wireless network, media-viewing rooms with 42-inch plasma screens and surround sound, seminar room with video-conferencing capabilities

LIGHTING

In some areas, lighting is controlled by daylight sensors that turn the lights up or down, depending on natural light available. Office areas are equipped with passive infrared occupancy sensors that turn off the lights when a room is unoccupied.

OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL PRACTICES

Lead-coated copper roof containing a rubber membrane that reflects heat in the summer; mineral wool insulation made from natural basalt rock and recycled material; structural steel consisting of 1,200 tons of recycled content; and high-efficiency double-glazed windows

Atwater

Total square footage of new construction (two residence halls and a dining hall)

104,900

Number of bedrooms in two residence halls

154

Seating capacity of dining hall

225

ARCHITECTS

Kieran Timberlake Associates, Philadelphia
Andropogon Associates (landscape), Philadelphia

WOOD

The dining hall's wood floor is certified maple and was harvested from the College's Bread Loaf certified forest land. All finished wood is Forest Service Council-certified wood.

STONE

The exterior stone comes from Vermont and Canada. The majority of the granite comes from engravers' waste products—stone on which engraving mistakes were made (turned inward, of course).

ROOF

The dining hall has a vegetated roof that assists in storm-water retention and the reduction of heat reflection in the summer.

CREATURE COMFORTS

Laundry room with 10 washers and dryers, bicycle-storage room, lounge

OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL PRACTICES

The buildings contain a natural ventilation system that includes bedroom and common room ceiling fans, transoms above each bedroom door, and a mechanically assisted exhaust system.

Illustrations by Cathie Bleck

Go Figure

5,122
Number of students who applied to Middlebury in 2004.

1,248
Number of students admitted for fall enrollment.

580
Number of first-years enrolling at Middlebury this fall.

48
States represented by members of the class of 2008.

40
Foreign countries represented by the Class of 2008.

8.5
Percentage of the Class of 2008 who are children of alumni.

65
Percentage of first-years who are not from New England.

350
Students who participated in MOO, Middlebury Outdoor Orientation, which offered first-years the opportunity to canoe, camp, rock climb, fly-fish, backpack, and engage in community service projects.

1
First-year students from Burma.

1
Number of first-years who are expert *tcouckball* players. Pronounced "chook ball," it is a Swiss game that closely resembles handball.

Did You Know?

JULIA CHILD'S KITCHEN MAY BE IN THE SMITHSONIAN, but a slice of the master chef's history belongs to Middlebury.

It turns out that Child, who died in August at the age of 91, once worked as a secretary at the College's Bread Loaf Writers' Conference in the late 1950s and early 1960s. Her husband, Paul, was the official Bread Loaf photographer during that time, and Julia would accompany him to Ripton each summer for a sojourn in the mountains. She had already studied with master chef Max Bugnard and had formed the informal French cooking school, L'Ecole des Trois Gourmandes, with two friends, but it was a contact she made at Bread Loaf that helped her land her first cookbook contract: for *Mastering the Art of French Cooking*, which was published by Alfred A. Knopf in 1961.

Past Tense: November 30, 1950

Middlebury Campus

The storm which struck the northeastern United States with devestating force last Saturday was the most destructive of its type in the history of Middlebury College . . . The Memorial Field House, Pearsons Hall, Mead Chapel, and the Student Union Building sustained heaviest damage from the winds of gale force and driving rains. No college building escaped damage completely.

—*The College on the Hill*, David Haward Bain

New Web Woven

A NEW ACADEMIC YEAR brought a new class to Middlebury—and a new look to the College's Web presence.

In early September, the College launched a redesigned, restructured Web site (*www.middlebury.edu*), an event marking another step in a continuing effort to improve Middlebury's online presence.

According to the College's director of communications, Maggie Paine '79, principal goals for the site include attracting prospective students who are the best fit for Middlebury; providing a more effective and efficient tool for communicating with alumni, parents, donors, and the general public; and providing a framework that makes it easier for individual academic and administrative departments to use the site for their own communications needs.

The College worked with Boston-based Web design firm BigBad on the new design and structure of the site.

The redesign includes new photography and a feature called "My Midd Experience," in which Middlebury students and alums share their own stories about Middlebury.

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[Syllabus]

Course The Good Society

Department Philosophy

Instructor Jeffrey Flynn, Visiting Instructor

Course Description One of the central questions in social and political philosophy is "What are the conditions of a good society?" In this seminar we shall examine the idea of a good society from historical and normative perspectives, focusing on how to justify our social/cultural criticism of a society. We will consider different types of social criticism, the position and authority of the critic, the need for social theory, and the sources of and justification for normative standards. We will also explore the implications of criticizing one's own society as opposed to criticizing other societies or global society.

Reading List (partial)

Michael Walzer, *Interpretation and Social Criticism* (Harvard 1987)
Charles Taylor, *The Ethics of Authenticity* (Harvard 1991)
Nancy Fraser and Axel Honneth, *Redistribution or Recognition?: A Political-Philosophical Exchange* (Verso 2003)
Martha Nussbaum, *Women and Human Development* (Cambridge 2000)

Flynn says When I was thinking about which contemporary philosophers to read, I decided to try to include philosophers who are active in society as "public intellectuals," for example, Michael Walzer and Martha Nussbaum in the United States, Charles Taylor in Canada, and Jürgen Habermas in Germany. This gives us a chance to consider not only the philosophy of social criticism but also philosophers as social critics. I included the following quote from Marx at the top of the syllabus: "The philosophers have only interpreted the world, in various ways; the point, however, is to change it" (*Theses on Feuerbach*, 1845). It's a provocative quote for philosophers, who have a reputation for abstract thinking, and encourages students to think about how the philosophical ideas they are studying can be put into practice in the world.

Current Affairs One trend within contemporary politics has been the focus on issues of identity. Under that rubric, you see groups putting forward demands for the recognition of difference, with regard to issues of sexual orientation, gender, race, and ethnicity. The whole area is often referred to as the "politics of recognition," and we will consider those issues in the course, with particular focus on the question of justification. That is, do we have any criteria for evaluating the many claims for recognition? And how can we balance those claims with other demands for social justice?

Major Movement

Top Five Majors 2004
(preliminary)

Economics	161
Psychology	112
English	109
Political Science	97
Environmental Studies	72

Top Five Majors 2000

Psychology	147
Economics	126
English	116
International Studies	89
Environmental Studies	75

Storm Aid

Victims of Hurricane Charley (one of four major hurricanes to strike the United States in the summer and this fall) received an unexpected gift from Middlebury College: 1,500 pieces of furniture, ranging from metal bed frames to wooden dressers and desks.

The furniture, made available due to the scheduled replacement of dormitory furnishings, was donated to the international charity Feed the Children. In addition to the hurricane victims, homeless shelters and low-income, first-time homeowners received College furniture through Feed the Children.

Since May, the College has donated more than 2,000 pieces of furniture and twin mattresses from six residence halls.

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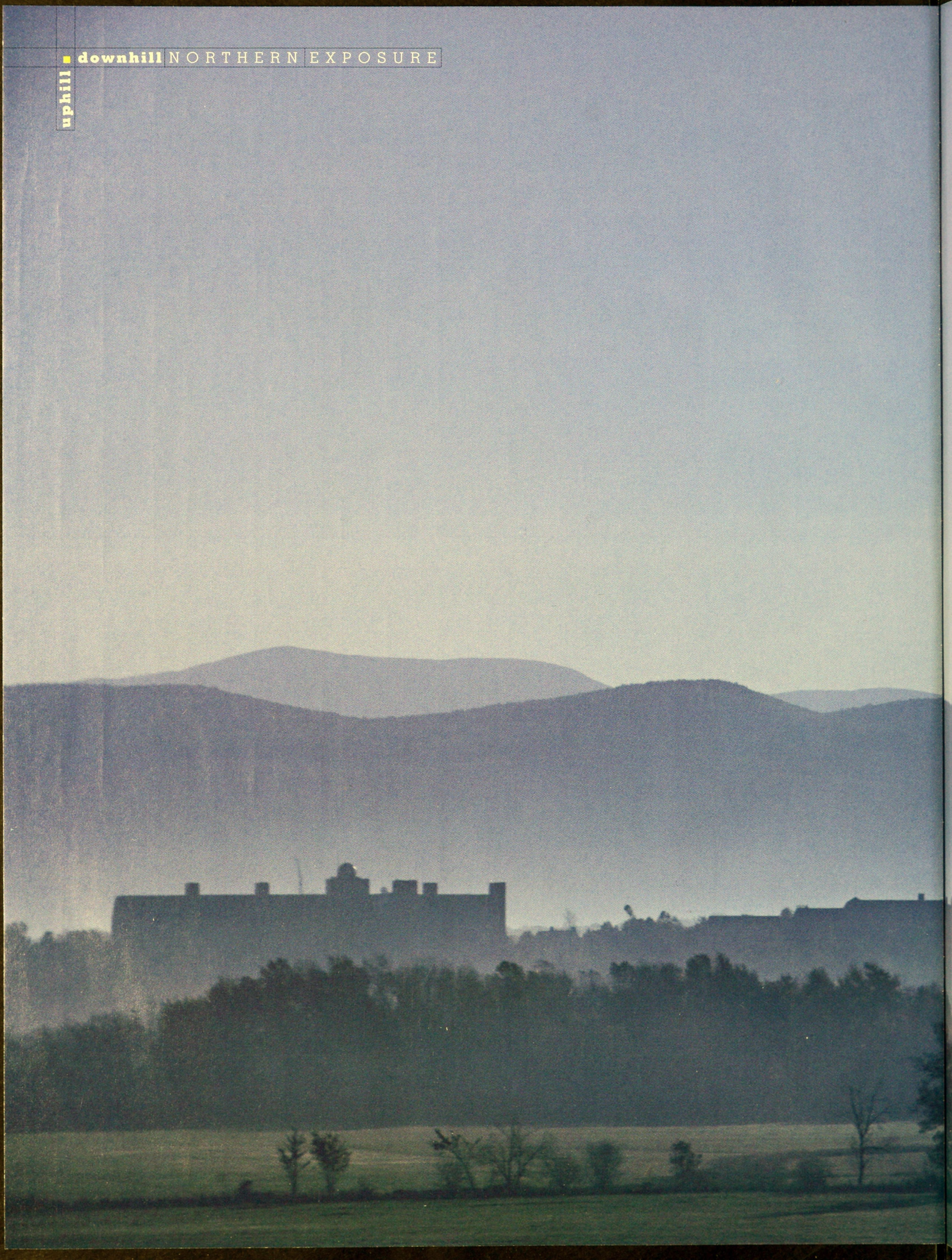

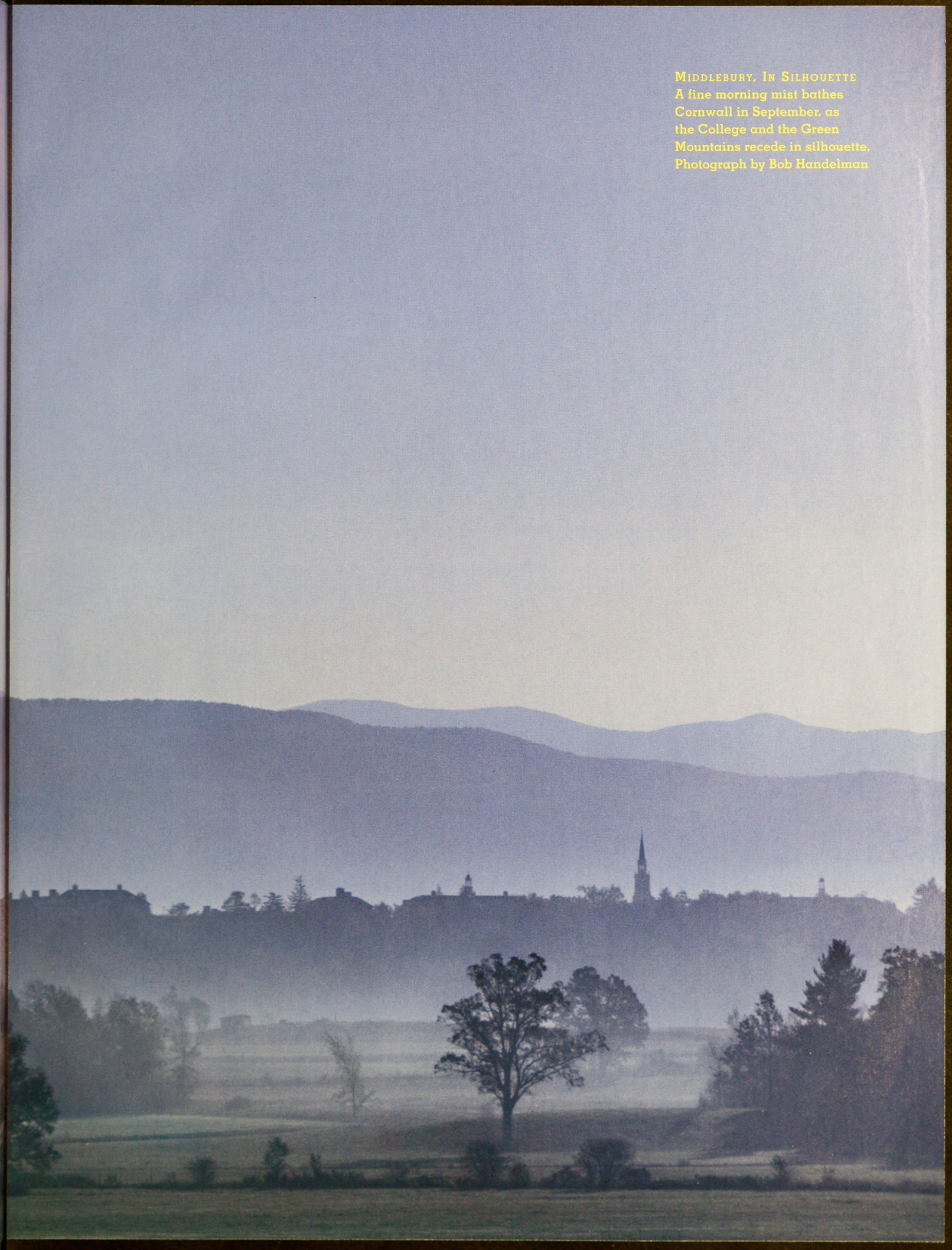

Middlebury, In Silhouette
A fine morning mist bathes Cornwall in September, as the College and the Green Mountains recede in silhouette.
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The Unconventional Candidate

Though still a college student, Tabby Connor '05 makes a run at the Vermont House

By Tim McCahill '03

As dusk gathered on the first night of the Addison County (Vermont) agricultural fair, Tabby Connor '05 marched in the opening parade with a group of Republican candidates.

Flanked by antique John Deere tractors and a music wagon, she seemed in her element, her energetic stride a standout among other marchers, many of whom looked as if they'd already put in a long day at the office. A grizzled man in heavy work boots called out, "Hello Tabby," and then nudged his wife. "See that young girl. I'm voting for her." It wouldn't be the first time Connor has received someone's vote.

Politics has always suited the Middlebury senior. Throughout her scholastic career, she managed to win elected office (student council in elementary school, student senate during junior high, ninth-grade president and student-council vice president at Middlebury Union High School), but now the 20-year-old is ready to expand her sights. This fall, Connor faces off against three candidates in the race for two seats in the Vermont state legislature.

It's shaped up to be a hard slog: Two of the candidates are incumbent Democrats; the third is a former Republican state rep and a mainstay in Middlebury town politics. But at 20, Connor is hoping her youth will help get her to the statehouse in time for the start of the legislative session in January. "People are excited to see a young person running," Connor said during a break from campaigning.

And it's easy to tell *she's* excited, too. A born campaigner, she's predisposed to be optimistic and attentive; it seems her stockpile of enthusiasm is just waiting to be tapped on behalf of voters.

At the College, Connor focused her political passions through her involvement with the College Republicans. She joined the group when it was starting to work with the party on the local and state levels—meeting with legislators at the statehouse and at party headquarters in Montpelier.

Most college campuses are known for their liberal leanings, however, and Middlebury in recent years has been no exception. Students and professors stood side by side with community members to protest the October 2002 visit by Ari Fleischer '82, then press secretary to President George W. Bush, and stickers supporting presidential contender Howard Dean were a common sight before his White House bid fizzled earlier this year.

History in the Making? If elected, Connor would be the first Middlebury *student* elected to the state legislature. Current Vermont governor Jim Douglas '72 was elected to the legislature three months after graduating in 1972.

Photograph by Dennis Curran

But Connor said she experienced equal activism and passion inside the ranks of the College Republicans. "We had a really positive experience . . . having people listen to us. That was definitely one of my big goals," she said. "Also to increase our visibility on campus, to let people know we were an active group: who we were, why we thought the way we did."

The growth of the College Republicans put Connor in touch with heavy hitters inside the state GOP, including Connie Houston, the Republican leader in the Vermont House. Houston, who represents a town north of Middlebury, approached Connor last winter about running for state office, to "inject some new blood into the statehouse."

Connor greeted the idea with a little uncertainty at first. "It was definitely something I wanted to pursue at some time in my life," she said. But during her senior year of college?

Her fears to the contrary, Connor's youth seems to be an asset in the election. Once voters realize her age, they appear to be universally impressed.

She would need to campaign during the school year, and if she won, her final semester would be spent in Montpelier. She also worried about her inexperience as a campaigner—and a legislator.

Friends and professors seemed to think running was a good idea, however. Their encouragement, coupled with a phone call from the sitting Vermont governor, Middlebury alum Jim Douglas '72, and offers of support and advice from experienced politicos, convinced Connor that her inexperience would not be a hindrance. A host of savvy campaigners was available to pitch in and help her.

And walking the campaign trail has proved a learning experience so far. She's taken part in the retail events—waving to prospective voters and shaking hands in parades or setting up a table at the fair—and the quieter, more intimate functions, like listening in at local town planning meetings.

"I'm meeting so many interesting people," she said. "Almost everyone I've talked to so far has something they really care about."

Growing up in Shoreham, an agricultural town not far from Middlebury, Connor is deeply rooted in the community. Her father runs a local contracting business. The Connor family name also is familiar in Vermont political history: Her grandfather, Leo J. Connor, was a well-known Democrat, who once ran for lieutenant governor.

Her fears to the contrary, Connor's youth seems to be an asset in the election. Once voters realize her age, they appear to be universally impressed. ("We need a young person to mix things up," some have said.)

She tells a story about walking up to one house and seeing a daunting portent of the welcome she might receive: Dean bumper stickers on the cars parked outside. But after knocking on the door, Connor got an enthusiastic greeting. "They were so happy to talk to me," she remembered. "And they said, 'It's great to see a woman running; I hope you can get some young people motivated.'"

According to Douglas, Connor will have to work hard to keep people excited about her candidacy. The freshman Republican governor has more in common with Connor than just their party affiliation: At 22 he ran successfully for the Vermont legislature, not long after graduating from Middlebury. "It's possible and mandatory to visit every home, to become acquainted with the people of the district," said Douglas, who is on the ballot in November, as well.

But the governor believes that Connor is up to the challenge. "She's very energetic, very intelligent, and determined to succeed," Douglas said. "She's getting a lot of support from folks in the community, including those who are not Republicans."

Connor hopes that support will translate into votes come November. Vermonters are known for not voting down the ballot—Al Gore won the state comfortably in 2000, but two years later voters elected a Republican governor. Connor hopes that tradition will hold true in her bid for state representative.

If Tabby Connor becomes the youngest representative in the Vermont legislature, it will be the ultimate cap to a senior year, even if it means graduation must be postponed. "I would have to come back next fall to finish up," she commented. "So, my graduation plans are a little up in the air right now—a lot depends on November 2nd."

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The Art of the Seminar

In a well-conducted seminar, convergent voices can result in a melodic forum

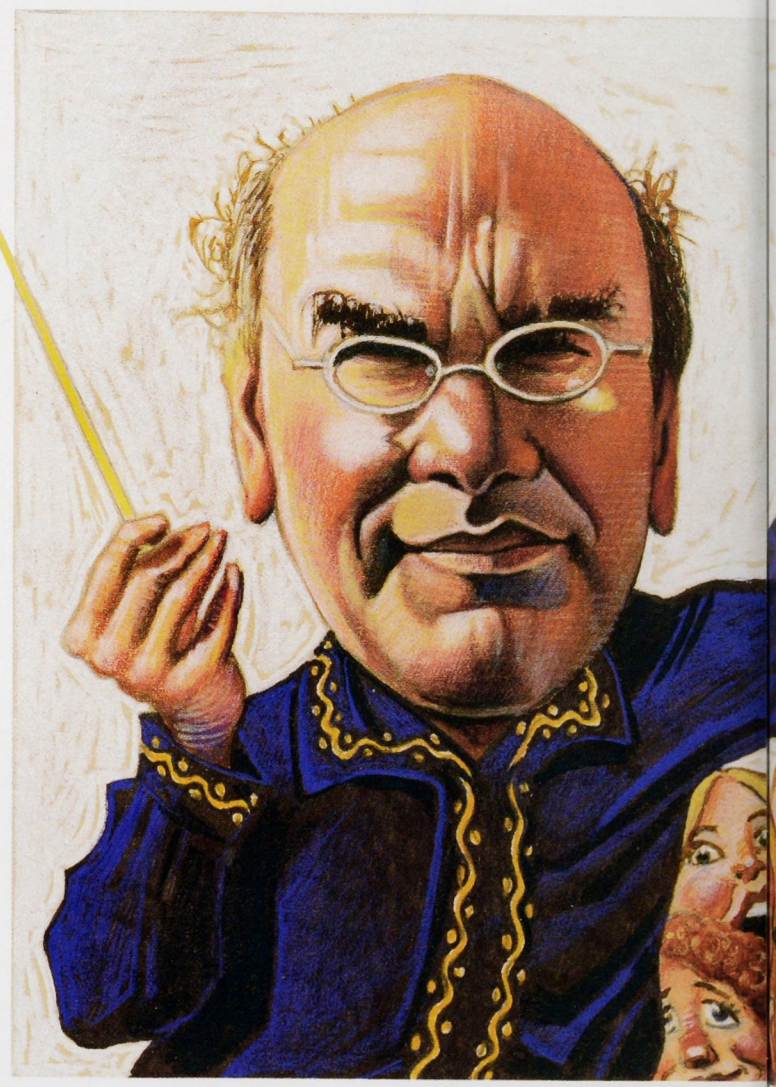
By Jay Parini

ANYONE WHO HAS BEEN PRIVILEGED to sit through first-rate seminars understands their value. The seminar is that midpoint between the lecture and the individual tutorial, a place in the curriculum where students get to know the professor in a personal way, and to test their knowledge of a discipline against his or hers. Seminars can be exacting, exhilarating experiences for both the teacher and student, although conducting them is difficult work; it requires of the professor a number of skills that can only be acquired through practice and self-discipline.

I had one or two seminars in graduate school that prepared me for thinking about the form, and I often talked with my fellow students about what worked and what didn't. It so happened that three of my teachers had studied at Oxford with the legendary classicist, Eduard Fraenkel, a Berliner of Jewish heritage. In 1934, Fraenkel fled from the Nazis, settling into a chair in classical literature at Corpus Christi College, where he became a legend, attracting the best young classicists of the era to his seminars.

"I was terrified in those seminars," Iris Murdoch (the novelist and philosopher, who studied with Fraenkel in the late thirties) once said to me. "Fraenkel did not suffer fools gladly." She described his severity—nearly 50 years after the fact—with awe and fascination. Fraenkel had written landmark studies of Plautus and Horace, and he was justly famous for an edition of the *Agamemnon* by Aeschylus that became the standard by which all future editions of classical texts (and commentaries) would be judged. His own commentary was extraordinarily rich and astute, referring to centuries of scholarship with apparent ease, making endless little (but illuminating) judgments along the way: the sort of thing that anyone conducting the Platonic ideal of a seminar might do.

Indeed, Fraenkel reflected on the influence of his Oxford seminars on his later scholarship in his edition of that play: "My favorite reader, whose kindly and patient face would sometimes comfort me during the endless hours of drudgery, looked surprisingly like some of the students who worked with me for many years at Oxford in our happy seminar classes on the *Agamemnon*.



Without the inspiring, and often correcting, cooperation of those young men and women, I should not have been able to complete the commentary. If they thought a passage to be particularly difficult, that was sufficient reason for me to examine and discuss it as fully as I could; and more than once it was their careful preparation, their inquisitiveness, and their persistent efforts that made it possible to reach what seemed to us like a satisfactory solution." Fraenkel

Illustration by Bill Nelson

added: "Anyone who has conducted seminar classes knows that the common sense of the young often shatters the subtle devices of their elders and that only bad teaching can deter them from speaking their mind."

I have learned, over three decades of teaching at Dartmouth and Middlebury, to listen more attentively when students speak, and to take what they say—even the "foolish" things—seriously. (The best teachers can pan gold in unlikely waters.) Paying attention does not mean simply turning your eyes in the student's direction, focusing somewhere above the bridge of the nose. It means gauging the attitude of students toward the material, trying to figure out *how* as well as *what* they think about a particular topic. It means refusing to respond too quickly, or perfunctorily, just to keep the conversation flowing.

It seems useful to recall that one "conducts" a seminar. The analogy with a musical conductor is appropriate and instructive. The subject of the seminar forms a kind of score; the students will already have, with greater or lesser degrees of success, mastered the score before coming to class. The expectation is, in fact, that they will have prepared for class by reading the material, by thinking up something to say. The work of the conductor is to draw out this intellectual music, to arrange it, set the tempo of play. Imagine an orchestra, if you will, *without* a conductor. There would be no pace, no emphasis, no interpretation—just meandering discussion.

One learns how to pace a seminar. It is always useful to have one or two vivid questions in mind for the class to "answer" in each session, and students should be given these in advance. I often end a class by saying: "Next time, we'll be thinking about *X*. Why is it that this or that is so? How can we be sure?" Students should have specific assignments, and certain ones should be responsible on a given day for responding to a text or question. This is the basic architecture of the seminar—the essential score, if you will. The work of the seminar leader is "conducting" the class through the allotted time, drawing all students into discussion, cutting off digressions when they seem unrelated to the main line of argument, questioning students when they say things that are either unclear or perhaps unfounded.

Students come alive in a seminar when they find themselves talking and making judgments that their peers, and their professor, find sensible and interesting. It's always possible for a seminar leader to discover a student's level of understanding and to lead them forward as they begin to make new connections, begin to "find" themselves as a thoughtful person who can express and question ideas that are raised, by the professor or by other students around the table. Half the work of any seminar—from the professor's viewpoint—is getting students involved in a serious way.

There is, of course, no substitute for preparation, as everyone who has led a seminar must know. Teachers must have a deep and passionate knowledge of the material and be aware of the relevant scholarship and competing approaches to the subject. They must be willing to make this complex knowledge available to students and to model critical thinking. Students should come away from a seminar understanding that the professor has been genuinely moved by the material, and that certain standards—certain *values*—are involved in making judgments. In a very real sense, the seminar is a place where the community of scholars comes most vividly into being; as such it remains a sacred and indispensable place, for students and teachers alike.

A Sample of Seminars at Middlebury

- *The Da Vinci Code: Fact and Fiction*, **First-Year Seminar**: Making sense of the conflicting and contradictory sources of information in Dan Brown's novel *The Da Vinci Code*.
- *Anthropology of Human Rights*, **First-Year Seminar**: An exploration of the anthropology of pre-state violence; contradictions between human rights and solidarity; and the competing priorities of truth, justice, and reconciliation.
- *Art Museums: Theory and Practice*, **History of Art and Architecture**: An intensive introduction to the complex world of American art museums.
- *Readings in Middle Eastern History: Women and Islam*, **History**: An examination of women's lives in Islamic societies from the seventh century onward.

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Opportunity Knocks

As first-year students arrived at Middlebury, a new president outlined the challenges ahead

By Ronald D. Liebowitz

Dear Readers:

For my first column as president of the College, I thought it meaningful to share with you the message I conveyed to first-year students at Convocation on September 12. What follows is an excerpt of the address. I welcome your comments and, along with my wife, Jessica, look forward to seeing you when you visit campus or when we visit alumni chapters around the country.

Ronald D. Liebowitz

THOUGH MANY ARGUE that liberal education is education in the purest form, separate and divorced from the influences of specialization, professionalism, and the pressures of the here and now, I believe this need not be the case, nor can we afford to let it be the case.

The specific subjects that make up what a liberally educated individual should study today may be a matter for interesting debates, but beyond that, for sure, a liberal arts education has a moral dimension to it. That dimension defines an obligation on the part of the individual to give to society, to share the fruits of what one has learned with society at large. Our society, in turn, needs what a successful liberal arts education provides its students, regardless of their major field of study. And those who benefit from such an education should feel compelled—an obligation—to understand how that education fits in with the greater good.

So it's the "how" of what you study, and not so much the "what," that I want to focus on. Education here is human intensive. Very intensive. Our relatively small scale of operations means that students interact quite regularly and intensively with an engaged and talented faculty, or at least they have the opportunity for such engagement and interaction.

This mode of education is the exception and not the norm; fewer than 2 percent of all undergraduates enroll at residential liberal arts colleges with this method of teaching and learning, largely because of the cost of such an education. The true cost of educating each student is around $60,000 per year. Our comprehensive fee, at just about $40,000 a year, means that every student, whether or not he or she receives grants and loans from the College, is given a subsidy or scholarship of at least $20,000. The $20,000 difference between the cost of attending Middlebury and the actual cost of providing the education is made up by annual gifts to the College from alumni and friends, plus the annual earnings on the College's endowment—its long-term insurance policy against potentially difficult financial times.

I mention the cost of this kind of education and the subsidy or scholarship that everyone receives for two reasons: First, a liberal arts education is not foremost about efficiency or cost containment—it is about providing the teaching and infrastructural resources necessary to ensure you can engage your complex world seriously and with great confidence when you graduate; and second, so you will be less likely to take for granted the incredible array of resources available to you here, to prepare yourself for consequential engagement in the world.

I should note that the essence of this issue is hardly original. Some institutions of higher education have come to the same conclusion in recent years: You might want to read Yale College's recent self-study on undergraduate education, or Harvard president Lawrence Summers's several speeches on undergraduate education, or a number of the elite state universities' rationale for the development of undergraduate-honors liberal arts colleges within their larger structures. In each case, these larger institutions of higher education have been forced to discover—or rediscover—the centrality to their mission of a liberal arts education, with the emphasis on intensive human exchanges.

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The finest large universities, both private and public, have made a commitment to reestablish their focus on undergraduate education. Will they succeed? Only time will tell. Success at those institutions may well influence our own future path, but for now, the ethos of devoting remarkable time to each student is alive and well here, and we must be sure to do whatever we can to preserve that ethos and commitment.

What do I mean—in terms of the way we should educate and you should learn—when I say we need to ensure that all of you leave here ready for serious engagement with the greater world, confident in your skills to make a difference?

First: seek classes and professors that force you to write . . . and write some more. Middlebury requires two "intensive" writing courses. In those courses you will write a lot. You should also *rewrite* a lot—multiple drafts of the same assignment. Never feel satisfied by doing the minimum when it comes to having the opportunity to have a faculty member read your writing. The final result will be that you become a better writer, a skilled writer, able to make an argument forcefully and with confidence. That confidence is crucial if you are going to be engaged in the world following Middlebury, and it requires the sustained and intense guidance we offer here.

Second: seek out courses and professors that require you to speak and present your views in class. The ability to speak clearly is another important part of developing the confidence you will need as you set forth from college. There are ample opportunities to take courses in which oral presentations are required. Don't sidestep these courses because you are shy, or you think others know more than you do. If you keep in mind the question, what is the goal of education? and ask yourself why you are here and how being liberally educated involves a moral obligation to give back, you will feel more comfortable in taking the initiative to get as much as you can out of what this human-intensive learning environment offers you.

Our relatively small scale of operations means that students interact quite regularly and intensively with an engaged and talented faculty.

Most faculty will cherish the opportunity to help you hone your oral skills in class. At the least, they have a vested interest in the quality of discussions in their course; for many, the opportunity to help you develop your oral skills is part of their role, as they view it, at a place like Middlebury.

And third: give great thought to scientific study—labs and all. In and of itself, the need for a more scientifically literate population is self-evident. The scientific dimension of so many of society's current issues—be it the environment, the ways in which human beings communicate with each other across the globe, genetic manipulation and cloning, alternative energy sources, food alteration, or new forms of warfare—is central to understanding the world around us and to our ability to participate and make a difference in it.

Middlebury offers students who pursue science a huge comparative advantage: the ability to work side by side with a faculty member, to do research, and to use state-of-the-art instrumentation that, one would think, is found more frequently and is made available more readily to undergraduates at larger research universities. In fact, at most larger universities, it is the graduate students who have access to the scientific equipment, not the undergraduates. There is a reason why a disproportionate percentage of Ph.D.'s in the sciences are earned by students who went to small liberal arts colleges and not to large research universities for their undergraduate studies. Even if you do not major in science, the pursuit of scientific education will expose you to the scientific method, to the importance of replicability, to the development of sound theories and new knowledge, and will instill a discipline that is likely to become part of how you think and address multifaceted issues well after you complete your studies here.

Now, I don't expect a significant change in the "drop-add" activities over the coming weeks as a result of these comments. I do, however, hope you will rethink what it means to attend a college whose mode of education—intense human interaction—and dedication to that mode of education offers you an opportunity to prepare yourself for a world far different from the one my faculty colleagues and I inherited when we completed our undergraduate studies.

In fact, I can't help but observe how yesterday's third anniversary of September 11 fits into all of this: If nothing else, September 11 should represent to each of you and your generation a clarion call for action—for serious engagement in the world and a commitment to prepare yourselves for that engagement as best you can. I can think of no better place for that preparation than here, or a better time in your lives to begin that preparation than now, just as you begin your studies at Middlebury. You have an important role to play in how the major issues across the globe that we are witnessing today play out in the future. I encourage you, as strongly as I can, to take advantage of the resources you have before you to develop the knowledge and skills necessary to engage the world and those complex issues with confidence and conviction. We are here to help you; that is the nature of a Middlebury education. Please don't pass up the opportunity that is before you.

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Swimmers Take Your Mark
At the start of each academic year, the men's and women's swim team head out to Lake Dunmore and swim across the lake and back—a 1.5-mile exercise. Waiting for them when they return: hot chocolate and doughnuts.
Photograph by Caleb Kenna

BY TIM JOHNSON ▪ ILLUSTRATIONS BY SETH

The Foreign Student

Armed with only a serviceable knowledge of Mandarin Chinese and a crude, self-taught understanding of Portuguese, veteran journalist and linguistic dabbler Tim Johnson entered the unique world of immersion at the Middlebury Language Schools last summer.

During his time on campus, he lived in the dorms, attended classes and other activities, and spoke only Portuguese and Chinese. Over the course of nine weeks, as a resident and as a visitor, he experienced many of the challenges the language students faced—and witnessed the students' evolution as language scholars.

ONE OF THE FIRST THINGS YOU HAVE TO DO WHEN LEARNING A LANGUAGE—in Middlebury or anywhere else—is come up with a response to the Question: Who are you, and what are you doing here?

When you don't know a language very well, replying to the Question is not an easy matter. I got a taste of this my first evening at Middlebury, in the first-floor hallway of Painter Hall, the Portuguese School's dorm. There I encountered Keith Johnson and Sarah Martin, two Portuguese-speaking staffers. The Language Pledge (a vow to use only the language being studied) was still two days away, so I could have spoken English, but I thought it would be interesting to see how far my pigeon Portuguese would get me with these two, who naturally lost no time in asking me—in Portuguese—who I was and what I was doing there.

Every student in the Language Schools encounters this situation, and it's obviously more daunting for the beginners. Imagine what it's like: You know a few words, or at best, a smattering—of French, say, or Russian—and now you're on the spot. You have to explain yourself in that language and no other. You are permitted, of course, to use gestures, perform pantomimes, draw pictures—whatever you think will help get your message across.

My two inquisitors stood there looking at me, patiently, as I pondered how to say that I was a writer who was going to do an article on the Language Schools for *Middlebury Magazine*. How to express this, given that I didn't know how to say "alumni" or "article" or "magazine" or "college" in Portuguese?

From my recent review of the booklet "Portuguese in Three Months," however, I did know how to say "journalist" and "to write" and "school" and "news." So, with stammering difficulty, I said something like this:

"I am a journalist. I am going to write a news about the language school for the newspaper of the Middlebury school. What newspaper? A newspaper for the old Middlebury students. Students go to Middlebury school for four years. After, they go to other cities. This newspaper is for them."

That, at any rate, was what I tried to say, but I don't think I did it quite so clearly. They looked puzzled, in a discreet sort of way.

In the real world—on the street or at a restaurant in Lisbon or Rio—anyone subjected to my explanation would soon be looking at a wristwatch or edging away. Keith and Sarah did neither. They stood there indulgently, even engagingly, suggesting a word or phrase now and then to help me along. The effort of explaining myself left me exhausted, and in the end I was the one who edged away, although I still was a bit unsure if they really understood who I was and what I was doing there.

After this experience, I took advantage of the two days before the Pledge to put the Question in English to other students of

Portuguese. They included undergraduates who wanted to jump ahead when they resumed school in the fall, graduate students fulfilling language requirements, business people hoping to make a go of it in Brazil, and a few who said they simply loved the sound of the language and were interested in Brazil. Dana planned to travel to Mozambique to research a sculptor for his senior thesis. Mark, a middle-aged writer who adopted the school name "Marx," said he wanted to be able to converse with his Portuguese-speaking grandmother. Jonathan, a college student majoring in French, wanted to study medieval Portuguese poetry. There were two teachers from Massachusetts towns that had experienced an influx of Brazilian immigrants. Daniel, a student of Spanish, had applied too late to get into the Spanish School and had settled for Portuguese instead, albeit with trepidation: he fretted that Portuguese would ruin his Spanish.

The State Department didn't send anyone to learn Portuguese, but one of the advanced Chinese students I met was in the U.S. diplomatic corps. The Navy dispatched a handful of students to the Chinese program to refresh the skills they'd learned in the Defense Language Institute in Monterey, California. (DLI is not an immersion program, but it's no less rigorous than Middlebury's: eight hours of class a day for a full year, as one of the alums described it to me.)

The faculties, for their part, embodied a diversity of skills and interests. If you're hired for the summer at Middlebury, chances are you won't just teach language classes. You'll be asked to coach the

soccer team or lead culinary workshops or hold forth as a film critic. One of the Chinese teachers doubled as a tai chi instructor. A Portuguese faculty member, Antonio Luciano de Andrade Tosta, coached the volleyball team and directed a choral group.

THE DAY BEFORE THE PLEDGE, I had a conversation (in English) with Jianhua Bai, director of the Chinese School. He outlined the program, described the five levels of proficiency, the recruitment of teachers and their training. Then I asked him: Why would anyone want to pay $7,000 to spend the summer studying Chinese in Middlebury when, for about the same price, one could study Chinese in China? He nodded, as if he'd heard this question before.

Bai's Reason No. 1: Students speak more Chinese in Middlebury than they do in China. That's because of the Language Pledge. In China, Bai said—and he was speaking from his experience in language centers there—Americans go to class but then speak English among themselves the rest of the day. In

Middlebury, by contrast, it's Chinese, all the time. If you have trouble with a certain intonation or sentence structure or idiomatic expression, chances are a teacher will drill you on it over lunch or on the soccer field or even in the hallway as you go to brush your teeth. The faculty doesn't disappear after several hours of class—they live in the same dorm, and they're likely as not to be present throughout the day.

I heard a similar rationale from both a teacher and a student in the Portuguese School. The student, Gregory, a retiree and one of the more advanced students, said he was learning more, faster, in Middlebury than in Brazil. "I can afford to go to Brazil, and I have friends there," he told me one day in Portuguese, as we walked across campus. "It's not a question of money or of contacts. It's that when I go to Brazil, my friends want to speak English or practice their English. Here, that's not a problem."

Keith Johnson, the instructor I met earlier, has seen his share of Portuguese language programs for Americans in Brazil, and he said those programs inevitably draw many students who aren't really serious about learning the language—they're there for other reasons. Anyone who chooses to come to Middlebury, he believes, is seriously motivated.

The strength of the motivation—at least, in the form of wanting to excel—was evident in the run-up to the Pledge. Most schools give a placement test on the Saturday before classes start, and there was some pre-exam anxiety among the Portuguese and Chinese students who considered themselves intermediate or advanced. What if their test results put them in a level lower than they expected? If you're serious about learning a language, some of your ego is at stake when you subject yourself to a rigorous evaluation by a native speaker. Are you as good as you think you are?

I'm familiar with that sort of anxiety, and no doubt I would have felt it had I taken the Chinese placement test. I opted instead for the Portuguese exam, where I had much less ego to lose—I knew barely enough Portuguese to take the test at all, much less to expect to do well in it. So I was considerably more relaxed than some of my fellow students, who were feverishly reviewing verb conjugations the hour before.

The test, oral and written, posed a variety of scenarios and asked for a paragraph or two in response. (Your car breaks down en route to Middlebury—what do you do? You miss your flight to New York—what do you say to the ticket agent at the airport?) I had no choice but to make the most of the few words and expressions I knew, in applying them to every situation. The last written question asked the examinee to imagine that he or she had been awarded a peace prize and had to address an assembly of diplomats. What to say? The best I could do was to declare that true peace depended on good food, such as grapes, melons, and prawns (the three foods that came to mind from "Portuguese in Three Months").

Somehow my exam performance landed me in Level 2, which was designed for those who knew either a little Portuguese or more than a little Spanish. I suspect that if I'd tried to pull something like that in the Chinese exam, I wouldn't have gotten away with it. The Chinese program has a pretty rigorous reputation, after all, and the instructors I encountered had a serious, no-nonsense manner about them.

This brings me to Bai's Reason No. 2: The teaching in Middlebury is better, on balance, than in China. The instructors here are more experienced and more adept at teaching Chinese to Americans than their counterparts in the old country, many of whom are up to speed linguistically but not necessarily pedagogically. A good deal of thought and research, after all, has been applied at U.S. universities to the question of how best to teach Chinese to Americans.

I'm not in a position to assess the state of Chinese-as-a-second-language teaching in China. I can attest, though, to the quality of the Chinese teachers at Middlebury. I spent one morning auditing classes in Levels 2, 3, and 4, and all of the teachers were

first-rate. The classes in Levels 2 and 3, each with more than 30 students, were essentially interactive lectures. The instructors were brisk, exacting-but-engaging, and full of humor—always in full control, and always ready to call on anyone at any time. The students broke into smaller groups led by other instructors in the next hour, with still more dialogues and drills. The Level 4 class, with nine students, was more akin to a seminar—a session that, like the lectures, demanded the students' full attention.

The Portuguese faculty was also top-notch. (Most were natives of Brazil, and the school is heavily Brazil-o-centric.) They were clearly experienced in teaching not just the standard English speakers but those who had studied Spanish or other romance languages. The classroom work in Level 2, where I was assigned, was structured but more open to free-wheeling discussions and digressions than in Chinese Level 2. This wasn't just because of any cultural differences evinced in the two schools, but because the Level 2 Portuguese students were simply able to talk about more things. It was hard to imagine Level 2 Chinese students talking about why Donald Trump or Howard Hughes were averse to shaking hands—a discussion that the Portuguese students wound up having during a lesson that was mostly about interpersonal greetings in Brazil. (Two airborne kisses on the cheeks or three? That's a matter of which part of the country you're in. Or, to use one of the all-purpose responses I learned during my few days in the Portuguese School, *depende* (pronounced jeh-PEND-jee).

THE COMMITMENT TO FORGO ENGLISH has been a distinguishing feature at Middlebury since the Language Schools' founding in 1915, although it wasn't referred to as a "Pledge" until the late 1920s. The Pledge mandated that students speak only the language they were enrolled to learn, which meant that the students of German, French, and Spanish—the first three languages offered—were linguistically segregated.

That segregation is maintained today among the 1,250 students in nine schools. (The Spanish School is the largest, with more than 300 students; the Portuguese School, just two years old, is the smallest, with about 35.) The decision to make Portuguese the ninth language was made for many reasons, according to Language Schools Dean Michael Katz, among them, a recognition of the growing prominence of Brazil and an effort to stay ahead of the curve when it comes to the popularity of foreign languages in the United States, where enrollment tends to rise or fall with prevailing geopolitical preoccupations. The addition, in 1982, of the eighth language, Arabic, looks prescient in retrospect.

Each school is assigned its own dorm, its own time slot in the dining hall for lunch and dinner. Students of different languages inevitably cross paths—at breakfast, walking across campus, in volleyball games—but they're not supposed to use anything but their target language, however fluent they may be in others.

The Pledge signing is a climactic occasion. It comes two or three days after students have arrived and gotten settled. Even though everyone knows what the Pledge will require, many are nervous about it—and not just the beginners. The afternoon before the signing, for example, I spoke with three college students who were coming off two years of Russian and who nevertheless confessed to some unease. They could discuss Pushkin, but they were at a loss when it came time to talk about doing the laundry.

The apprehensions of the novice Portuguese speakers were probably typical. They worried about being isolated, or about being seen as stupid. They worried, simply, about how they would get by. "I'm a talker," one said. "What will I do when I don't know the words for anything I want to say? Just say, 'Good day, good day, how are you, how are you,' over and over again?"

"This is your opportunity," Carmen Tesser, the Portuguese School director, said just before the Pledge signing, "to take on a new identity, to be someone else. This someone else speaks only Portuguese." She urged everyone to take risks and not to worry about making mistakes. She looked at her watch. "You've got one minute more to speak English." Chatter filled the room, and then it was time.

The event seemed like something of an initiation rite. One by one, she called the students by name. Each one signed, then passed by a receiving line of the faculty, receiving congratulations. It felt a bit like crossing a river to an alien land from which there could be no return. One student said "bye-bye" before signing. Another crossed himself. Finally it was over, and gradually, the chatter resumed—although much of it, now, was of the "good day, good day, how are you, how are you" variety.

THE DAY AFTER THE PLEDGE CEREMONY, the Portuguese beginners attended four hours of classes, outlined the study regimen, were assigned homework, and were left with a few rudi-

ments of conversation. The rest of the day found them responding with frustration, zealous determination, and humor. Some put on brave smiles and stayed mostly mute. Others talked and gestured endlessly using their tiny vocabularies, coached by any advanced students or faculty who happened to wander by. Still others played their guitars and sang Brazilian songs, or puzzled over the detailed Portuguese instructions on what to put in each of the multiple recycling bins in the lounge and the dining hall. A few students relaxed by drinking up the last of the *Guarana*, a caffeinated Brazilian soft drink whose name—which they pronounced gutturally, lustily, as if it were some sort of exotic booze—became a kind of an in-joke.

For the beginning Chinese students, jovial linguistic acrobatics were probably too much to expect. I sat down to lunch with three Chinese novices, after their first day's classes, and they had difficulty saying much of anything beyond "What level are you?" I did my best to explain to them in Chinese who I was and why I was there, but alas, they were baffled and soon wandered off with an apologetic "good-bye." I resolved to check back in on them later in the summer.

Indeed, "What level are you?" was probably the most common question I heard from everyone at the Chinese School, when I'd show up seemingly from out of nowhere and start speaking Mandarin with them.

With five levels of proficiency, everyone in the Chinese School seemed a bit more mindful of the stratification than in the smaller Portuguese School, where the classification—at least in most students' minds—was more informal. In Portuguese, there were the beginners—and everyone else.

Tuesday morning at breakfast, barely a day and a half after the Pledge, I witnessed an encounter between two beginning Portuguese students that struck me as remarkable. Marina, a school principal who had come through the first full day of Portuguese looking flustered and a bit haggard, arrived in the dining hall bright-eyed and ready to go. She sat down next to Marx, who was never at a loss for words, even if he didn't know many. Somehow, these two had never met, so now Marx put the Question to her in Portuguese: Why was she here?

Marina nodded. She replied that she worked at a school where there were Portuguese-speaking students and that she wanted to be able to talk to them.

It occurred to me that, after only two days in Middlebury, she already could.

I HAD TO LEAVE MIDDLEBURY ON TUESDAY to take care of some business, but I returned Thursday to finish out the first week. Two days away seemed to bring out the idyllic, other worldly qualities of the place—the Adirondack chairs dotting the landscape, the American elms gracing the main quad, the snippets of intense, incomprehensible conversations overheard during a walk across campus.

As I approached Painter Hall—Portuguese territory—the first person I recognized was Simao, one of the beginners whom the Pledge had rendered relatively mute. Now he was outside, exercising, and when I asked him how it was going, he smiled broadly and said, in Portuguese: "I can speak!"

Beyond Simao, toward the middle of the quad, a volleyball practice was underway. I walked over for a closer look. It was the Russians. They had a couple of serious spikers. An hour later they were still out there, working out. They looked formidable.

The next morning, at breakfast, I wound up sitting with Amalia, a student, and Carmen, the Portuguese School director. Carmen happened to mention that the school's first volleyball match was against the Russians. I said I was worried about that. I'd seen the Russians practicing.

"Don't worry," Carmen said blithely, eating her yogurt. "We'll win."

"The spirit of the Portuguese School will carry us through," Amalia said gamely.

Inter-school rivalries—most evident in soccer and volleyball matches—were a strange mixture of intensity and tongue-in-cheekness. The spectators' cheers were somehow both genuine and full of amusement. The first taste of this came in Mead Chapel during the welcoming assembly, when Michael Katz introduced each of the schools' faculty leaders—to thunderous applause from their respective students, each section trying to out cheer the other.

After the Portuguese classes got underway, no one discouraged the idea that the school had its own personality, drawing loosely from qualities often associated with Brazil—warm-blooded, impassioned, rhythmic, free-spirited, hip.

It was fun to attend a school that watched a different movie every night and discussed it later in the classroom. At a Friday morning lesson, at the end of the first week, I got to hear the beginners debate whether the Wednesday night film—*Baker Street*, a Brazilian take on Sherlock Holmes—was a comedy or not. The

two groups made creative use of their limited vocabularies, and they showed the same mixture of earnestness and good humor as I had noticed in the chapel and on the playing field.

The first volleyball practice, led by Luciano, was Friday afternoon at our end of the quad. He began by running through the terminology—how to say "in," "out," "serve," and so forth, then divided us into opposing teams. With classes done for the week, everyone was full of energy.

Meanwhile, the Russians were back out, and they were hard at volleyball, and tug-of-war, and three-legged races. It was virtually a show of force. Their cheers echoed across the quad, as the little Portuguese School scrambled and joked its way through its own scrimmage.

I WASN'T THERE FOR THE MATCH WITH THE RUSSIANS, but Carmen reported in an e-mail that the Portuguese gave them a run for their money in the first game, then got trounced in the second. Oh well, I thought, at least no one got hurt.

The big volleyball news, she said, came the following week—against the Chinese. The Chinese won the first game and had the Portuguese down by 13 points in the second, when the Portuguese staged a miraculous comeback, won the game, and pulled out the next one as well. Pandemonium ensued.

"You would have thought that we won the World Cup!" Carmen wrote. "This, of course, made history in the Portuguese School—first victory ever, in any sport." The school's on-line journal, written by students, gave a breathless account under the headline, "*Ganhamos*!!!" (We won). Photo coverage included a shot of one of the students doing a "danca sensual" on the sidelines to distract the Chinese team.

Academically, Carmen reported, the novices' spirits hit a low point after two weeks, as expected. (The initial fervor wore off, and they started feeling overwhelmed, she explained.) But they came out of it the third week and were beginning "to unravel the intricacies of our Portuguese language."

They were still unraveling when I dropped back in on them one day during the sixth week, but I was unprepared for their degrees of intricacy.

The Level 1 Portuguese students, whom my memory had frozen in the "Good day, good day, how are you, how are you" stage, were learning the imperfect subjunctive. The mute ones were talking plenty. Daniel jokingly confided that his Spanish was indeed ruined, but he didn't seem too worried. My old Level 2 classmates were drilling each other on irregular participles. Several students had jumped ahead a level, into another class.

Everyone was tired, everyone was grousing about the workload—the exams, the essays, the assigned presentations. Four hours of class, four hours or more of homework every day. Marina, the school principal, said she'd never worked so hard in her life. Sure enough, right after dinner, there she was with a teacher, poring over the draft of an essay.

This was, after all, the penultimate week for the Portuguese School, so maybe they were feeling more pressure as the end neared. And of course, once school was over, they'd have to figure out how to keep their Portuguese up. Marina would practice with her students. Marx would practice with his grandmother. Kevinho would practice by reading *Harry Potter*—in Portuguese! He was going to have to order it, though, because the campus bookstore didn't have it. The store did have French, German, and Italian editions of *Harry Potter*, and in fact, the Chinese offerings were the most extensive of all.

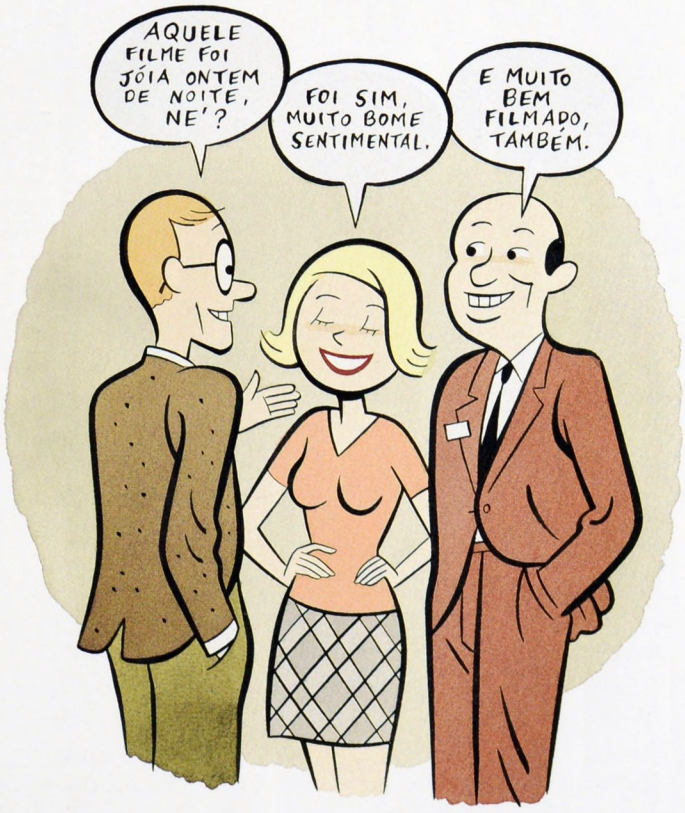
The Chinese students were muttering about the workload, too, but the intensive regimen was having an effect—most dramatically on the beginners.

A few weeks before, these students were virtually speechless. Now, when I sat down at their table, they lost no time in putting the Question to me. And now, when I told them who I was and what I was doing, they understood—or seemed to, anyway.

Several weeks after the Portuguese School ended—after he'd had time to recover—I asked Simao what he made of it all.

"The summer was pretty amazing," he replied. "I went in not speaking any Portuguese and left feeling pretty comfortable." He realizes he's still a long way from fluency and he still has a lot to learn, but it was that first step that was the hardest.

If his first big "jump" had been after the first two weeks, his



next breakthrough came in the last week or two, "when speaking started to become more comfortable and the smart-ass comments that I normally make were suddenly given a path out of my mind and off my tongue."

"That was fun," he said. "After all, what is a language without that?"

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The Life Aquatic

AN OCEAN LOVER SINCE CHILDHOOD, MARINE SCIENTIST SARAH FANGMAN '90 SPENDS MOST OF HER DAYS ON—OR IN—THE WATERS OF THE PACIFIC OCEAN

SARAH FANGMAN '90 IS AT WORK, and she feels somewhat nauseous. This isn't unusual. Most days, Fangman's eyes wage a violent struggle with her inner ear, each sending conflicting signals to her brain, that, left unchecked, would leave her dizzy, or worse, prostrate and retching.

So for this malady, she must attach a scopolamine patch to the skin behind her ear to block signals from her inner ear to her brain. Although helpful, the patch doesn't always ensure 100 percent stability.

There's a common name for Fangman's condition—motion sickness—and millions of people suffer from it, too. It wouldn't be that big a deal if Fangman was, say, a cardiothoracic surgeon or a desk clerk or a firefighter. But the 36-year-old is a marine scientist, who spends half the year on a boat on the ocean and the other half in or around bodies of water, which makes her job one of the *worst* jobs to have if you suffer from motion sickness. But here she is, aboard a 56-foot research vessel chugging through the waters of the Pacific Ocean—and she wouldn't want to be anywhere else.

A Minnesota native, Fangman fell in love with the ocean at age 13, when her family took a respite from another brutal Minnesota winter to vacation on the Cayman Islands. There, Fangman was exposed to some of the world's most magnificent coral reefs, communities that play host to stingrays, sea turtles, sea stars, and tropical fish so colorful they seem psychedelic.

"With a mask and snorkel, I discovered the ocean," she says. "My back was sunburned to a crisp, but I had fallen in love with that [world]."

During her junior year at Middlebury, the environmental studies and biology major spent a semester studying coral reef ecology in the Virgin Islands, and that's when she realized she could make a living following her passion. "I knew I wanted to do something with the outdoors," she says. "I was diving every day on the coral reefs off St. John. It wasn't hard to figure out."

Today, motion sickness notwithstanding, her current life is an idyllic one for an ocean lover. For the past seven years, she's been the research coordinator for the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary (CINMS), which is operated by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). The sanctuary, an area the size of Rhode Island, sits off the coast of Southern California in the Santa Barbara Channel and includes a zone of "marine protected areas" where fishing is prohibited. The areas extend three miles from the islands' shores into the Pacific.

On this morning in late September, Fangman is aboard the 25-year-old research vessel *Pacific Ranger*, and she's orchestrating a fish-count dive, during which five professional divers work with sanctuary staff to document fish diversity and population trends in several spots in the CINMS, both inside and outside the protected areas. Over time, Fangman hopes to see whether differences in size and assemblage develop between fish in the protected areas and those where harvesting is allowed.

As the *Pacific Ranger* moves farther away from the California coast, dolphins streak alongside the vessel, and the Channel Islands loom into view; weathered and undeveloped, the land consists mainly of dried brush and inhospitable, rocky slopes. Once the vessel anchors, birds can be seen nesting on nearby outcroppings, and sea lions and harbor seals are spotted sunbathing along the jagged banks of Santa Cruz Island.

Aquatic life in the sanctuary is myriad and stunning, owing in large part to its unique locale in the Santa Barbara Channel, where cold, northern waters mix with warmer currents from the south, producing a biologically rich environment. Sea lions, seals, dolphins, and whales all live in the area. So do sharks, skates, and rays; 16 species of seabirds, 11 of which breed there; an array of marine invertebrates, including acorn barnacles, octopi, sea stars, and anemone; and a wealth of sea grass and kelp, forming intricate and extensive underwater forests on the ocean floor.

The sanctuary is designed to protect the resources within its boundaries, while researchers investigate whether changes in marine life within the sanctuary are due to currents, temperature fluctuations, or the existence of the protected areas. As the research coordinator for the sanctuary, Fangman's role is paramount. Not only was she the major designer of the sanctuary's youngest research vessel, *Shearwater*, but she oversees the coordination of all educational and research trips, such as this one, while conducting her own projects using an array of vehicles and instruments, including submersibles and Remotely Operated Vehicles (ROVs).

Over the course of a year, she'll scuba dive and conduct subtidal surveys of the kelp forests, conduct aerial surveys of marine mammals, study the nesting habits of Channel Islands seabirds, use the ROVs to conduct habitat characterization surveys, and hop in one of the submersibles to conduct research in deep water.

"The way I see it, a lot of the opportunities I have are because I say 'yes' a lot," Fangman says. "And because I've had that attitude, I've broadened my skill base and contacts. Opportunities come up where I have had to turn them away, like a trip to study coral spawning in the Gulf of Mexico. I could be out at sea 200 days a year, but that may be too much."

BY ASHLEY PADGETT

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Today's trip is a short one, and as the *Pacific Ranger*'s crew prepares to pull up anchor, Fangman and the other divers squeeze into a creaky booth in the galley. They begin to transfer data from dive slates to printed testing forms. Fangman reaches for a stack of

forms, clearing a place on the table by pushing aside remnants of muffins, a bowl of soft fruit, and tattered fishing guides. If she's feeling seasick, she's not showing it.

The Santa Barbara harbor is a picturesque haven in a postcard-perfect town. Historic mission-style homes dot the lush mountains that frame the harbor, while sunlight reflects brilliantly off the water's surface, creating an incandescent sparkling field of blue, spotted with sailboats and fishing vessels. Fangman is in her harbor office on the water's edge and has a day or two to catch up on paperwork before heading back to sea. Fall is peak field season for sanctuary researchers; in addition to the fish-mapping dive, Fangman recently spent three days aboard *Shearwater*, where she used a towed side-scan sonar to map the sea floor in the protected areas.

Established in April 2003, the marine protected areas are a bellwether project for the sanctuary. If researchers can prove that the no-harvesting policy allows the system to recover or maintain a natural state where extraction isn't a factor, then the sanctuary researchers may have hit upon a management system that can have global implications. "We feel we're doing some pretty cutting-edge stuff," Fangman says. "We're using a management strategy that's not new, but being applied in new, significant ways."

It was actually a group of fishermen who approached NOAA in 1999 about creating the protected areas. The fishermen were concerned that overfishing in the Channel Islands was decimating the population of fish in their region, and they felt that if the fish had a protected habitat, numbers would rise in the harvestable regions as well. Of course, other entities (environmentalists, scientists) would have a great deal of interest in the idea of protected areas, too, and CINMS was careful to canvas the field when creating the areas, Fangman says. The result was a collaborative, consensus-driven process among an unlikely array of supporters—commercial fishermen, environmentalists, kelp harvesters, marine scientists, recreational divers, kayakers, and policy makers. If such a diverse group of interests can reach agreement on the application of a protected marine sanctuary, Fangman says, and if the protected areas have a discernible effect on the marine habitat, then CINMS may be creating a model others can emulate.

Fangman's infectious enthusiasm for her work and the sanctuary's mission can bubble over at times into an ardent spiel for environmental causes. "It sounds really hokey, I know, but I want to leave the planet better than when I landed on it," she says. "I want to try to make things better . . . establishing marine reserves, so that we're now saying, 'This place is special and we don't want to impact it. We want to leave it as it is, and let it recover.' That was a huge effort. I feel like we're making a difference. I feel like we're contributing."

Though Fangman's role is pivotal, she's quick to redirect the spotlight to others; her colleagues, however, won't let her get away with it and stumble over themselves seeking adequate words to praise her work, calling her "outstanding," "extremely dedicated," "so pleasant to work with," and "impressive." Dave Kushner, who heads the Kelp Forest Monitoring Program for the Channel Islands National Park, has worked with Fangman since she arrived at CINMS seven years ago. "She's just exceptional. She's a can-do government employee," he says. "Some people in the government just seem to create roadblocks, but Sarah will always try to make things happen."

With her blonde hair, blue eyes, and lean, long frame, Fangman's Midwestern roots could easily be mistaken for native So Cal surfer cool; *Pacific Ranger*'s captain, John Provo, makes the comment that everyone is just *"in looooove"* with Fangman and that she carries an effervescence about her, regardless of the situation.

But sometimes those situations aren't the easiest to navigate. Often the only woman on research trips, Fangman occasionally finds a captain who is not as supportive as Provo; despite her status as the chief scientist, the captain of a 200-foot research vessel won't always listen to her.

"I really had to learn how to navigate that culture. I'll go to the captain and say, 'We would like to do this.' The captain will turn to a male scientist who is working as my assistant and ask him what it is that we're going to do. My assistant will tell him what I just said," Sarah states matter of factly. "It's frustrating, but I just have to go, 'Okay.' I don't have time to fight that."

And while chauvinism can often be dealt with in a calculated manner, other situations don't allow the time. On a past trip, two scientists were in a small vessel, just outside of the sanctuary, on a day with three-to-four-foot swells. "All of a sudden, a rogue wave, a 15-foot wall of water, came at the boat," Fangman says. "They didn't have time to react as it picked up the boat and flipped it." The scientists and captain swam to a rocky shore, where the boat eventually washed up. "We're constantly putting very heavy equipment over the side in boats that are pitching around. People can get hurt. It is part of the business. How can you study the ocean if you don't ever leave your office?"

Number of wetsuits Eight of varying thicknesses; including a dry suit for winter waters

Research trip must haves seasickness medicine (the behind-the-ear patch), two of each piece of equipment, contingency plans

Onboard meals Spaghetti, pizzas, burritos; Red Vines. "I have no idea why, but every boat I've ever been on has Red Vines." Because of her seasickness, seeing them on land makes her nauseous.

Uncomfortable moment for the vegetarian On a dive trip several weeks ago, her coworkers, with a permit, caught several sea urchins to measure and examine them. They then ate a sample and the roe. "Couldn't be any fresher. They were all enjoying it," she said as she shakes her head in disbelief.

Uncomfortable moment that shouldn't recur The researchers often dive at San Miguel Island in the Sanctuary, a sea lion rookery of thousands. White sharks are known sea lion predators and are often spotted there. "When we go diving, I don't want to think about sharks, because it is always in the back of my mind. Inevitably, someone will make a joke before we get in the water about great whites. Can't we just pretend they aren't out there?"

MASTER AND COMMANDER
Nasty weather and rough water aren't the only obstacles Fangman faces at sea. Often the only woman on research trips, she occasionally battles chauvinism, as well.

ALTHOUGH FANGMAN MUST BE JUDICIOUS when choosing projects that take her beyond CINMS, she understands that the opportunity to explore other habitats and management techniques can have a tremendous impact on what she is doing in the Channel Islands. She's recently studied sea turtles in North Carolina and coral reefs in the Gulf of Mexico and has logged significant time in NOAA's underwater laboratory, Aquarius, which is located 50 feet deep in the Florida Keys.

Her 10-day saturation mission at Aquarius last year allowed her to live underwater and conduct fish-tagging operations without having to decompress and surface. She bunked with six other scientists in cozy, pressurized quarters, and performed daily underwater surgery on grouper, snapper, and parrotfish. The researchers were interested in mapping the home ranges of groups of fish, so they would bait and trap their specimens, open their body cavity and implant a jellybean-sized tag, before releasing them in the ocean. Acoustic receivers placed around the local reef then picked up each tag's unique ping, and the researchers were able to find out where individual fish swam during certain parts of the day. A fellow scientist from her Aquarius mission is coming to the Channel Islands to tag fish for a similar study. Knowing where individual fish swim will help scientists to determine if the current no-fishing zones are appropriately placed.

In the near future, Fangman hopes to take some time off. On the agenda: a vacation of warm-water diving, a service mission trip to Guatemala with a childhood friend, and a sojourn to Croatia in the spring. But there's not much time to think about that now. It's peak season in the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary, after all. Fangman really needs to get back to her paperwork, but she has just one more story to tell.

On that recent trip to North Carolina, she found a nest of sea turtles. They had hatched the night before, and Fangman had tracked the path of a hatchling, about the size of a lemon. "They dig themselves out of the sand and crawl towards the ocean. It is an absolute gauntlet of crabs and birds and other creatures all waiting to eat them," she says. "And as soon as they crash into the water, that number of predators expands exponentially. They practically have no chance." But, obviously, many survive.

Fangman's hatchling had a deformed flipper, and it couldn't crawl straight. "He must have traveled half a mile before reaching the water," she says. What happened after that, no one knows. You'd like to think that the hatchling with the bum flipper is out there, somewhere, thriving. Just like you'd like to think that a woman marine scientist in a male-dominated field can navigate the myriad challenges in her path—from motion sickness to chauvinism to rogue waves to the complex realm of the marine sanctuary—so that she can leave the planet better than when she arrived.

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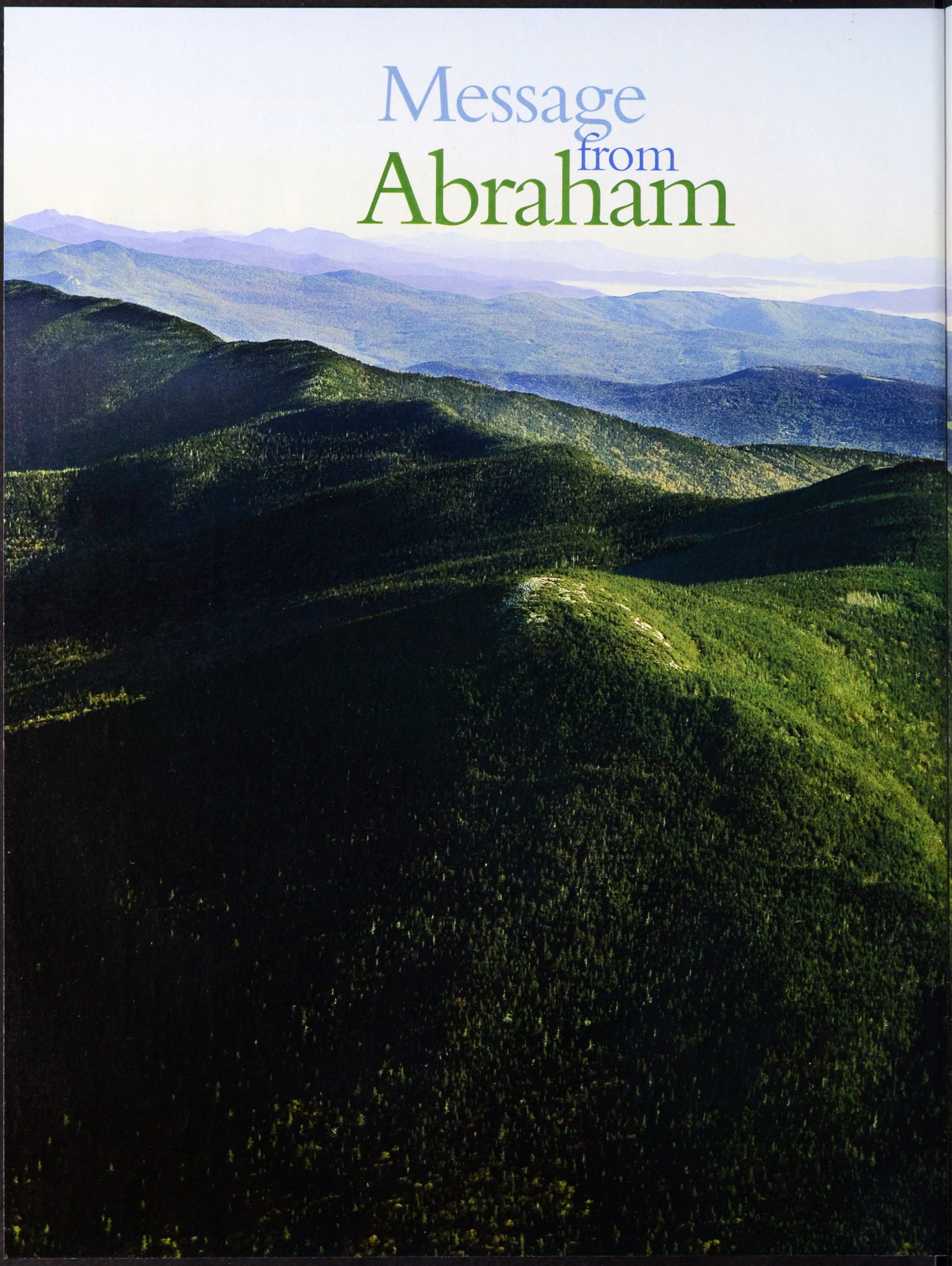
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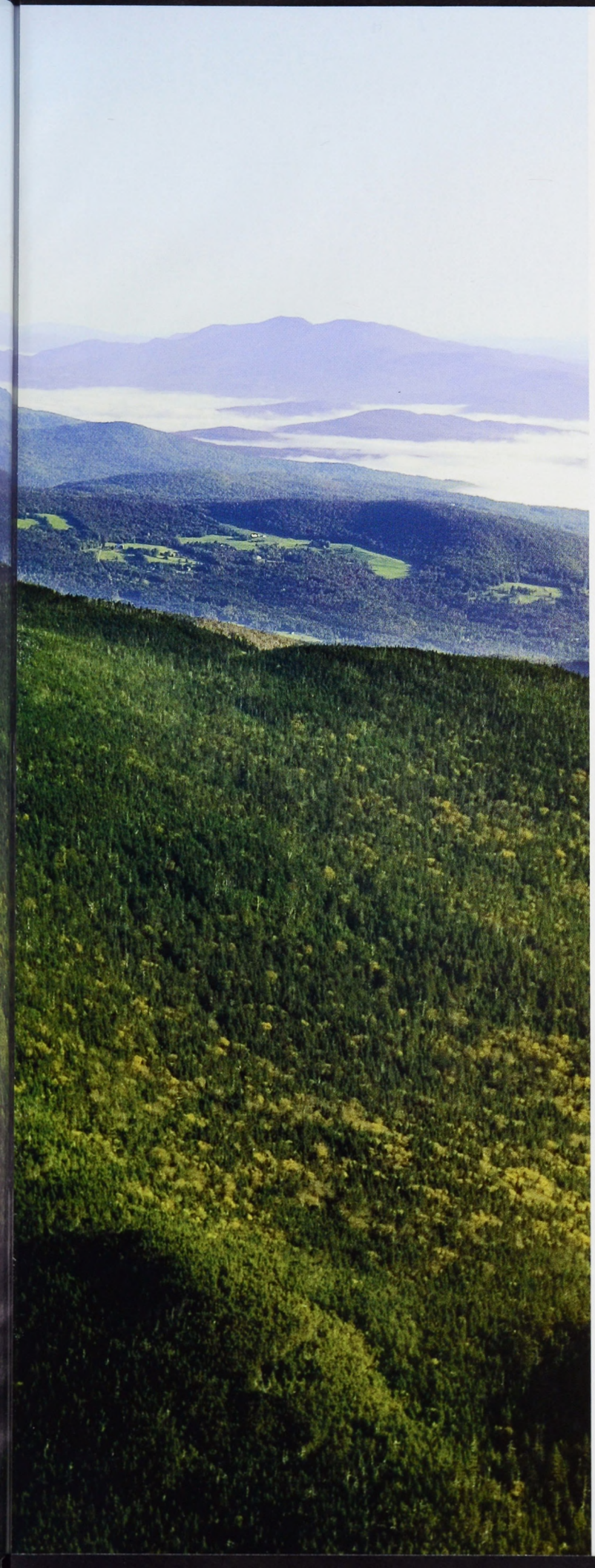

BY DONALD AXINN '51, '89 DOCTOR OF LETTERS (HON)

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Mountain Abraham positions himself boldly,
Sitting like some medieval king
On the eastern horizon, staring out
From the highest ridgeline of the Greens,
The dominant prince among his peaked siblings.
His staunch shoulders carry a head
Wrapped in a sun that offers you
A view of time and perhaps eternity

I KNEW I'D RETURN TO THE TRAILS OF ABRAHAM. For many years, from my deck in Weybridge, I've watched it, down in the flats of the Champlain Valley. Memories of freshman year 55 years ago would flood back, images of that first hike and all the others that followed, when we ran up with seemingly unlimited energy, young Greek Olympians.

Abraham has always seemed to beckon, like intoxicating memories of an old love that stay with you beyond the reality that that passion had ended many years earlier. As I've grown older, I have a conscious perception of this mountain as a symbol of stability. In an increasingly complex world, Abraham exists as it always has: independent, unaffected, strong.

One morning last summer, I set out for Abraham, driving over the Otter Creek "clatter" bridge, crossing Route 7, slipping through New Haven Mills, Bristol, and Lincoln, before shooting the Lincoln Gap. I signed in at the Green Mountain Club station in the shadow of the mountain and quickly began my ascent. As the trail greeted me, I thought I heard singing, possibly laughter. Nothing had changed.

There are other magnificent peaks (Camel's Hump, Mansfield, Jay) on the Long Trail, of course, but as I set out for Abraham's summit, the rugged—at times boggy—terrain, seemed to be leading me to *the* peak, *the* destination. I recall a fall evening, camping at the Battell Shelter lean-to, two-thirds of the way up the mountain, and how the eloquently designed arc of a charged-up moon rises in the night sky, waiting to play with Venus, its lifelong friend. Or how on a crisp morning at dawn, spectrumed pastels push up from the east, while waiting branches begin to print their lines against the wakening daylight. In winter the landscape is so different; Abraham is blanketed in snow, sensual fluffy feathers softening cracks and filling in corners.

A Walk in the Woods
The author sets out on a trek up Abraham in early fall.

As I picked my way along the trail, my mind became devoid of uncertainty. I no longer thought of the confusion inherent in the modern world. Instead I focused on the moment, on the dips in the trail, the tangled roots, the rock outcroppings. I focused on breathing: inhaling deeply, then expelling, an audible "poof" escaping my lips. A sense of peace permeated with overwhelming substantiality. All was in its proper place. There existed a distinct order; every turn on the trail presented another cathedral, each with its own balance and symmetry.

Taking a moment to sit on the forest floor, leaning against an eastern white pine, I contemplated the silence and became aware of the shifting nature of time. In the modern world, one is controlled by time, from "the time to get up" to "the time to go to sleep." On the trail, the forces of time are fundamental and vital: light and darkness, warmth and cold. There's no fixed schedule to conform to, no deadlines to meet. John Elder, the College's Stewart Professor of English and Environmental Studies, has commented on the fresh perceptions nature can provide. He'll stop, kneel next to a fallen tree, and explain how it contains more life than it did when it was upright. He'll talk about the inescapable reality of succession, expressed simply in the natural world.

As I climbed higher, I thought of the times I'd flown over the Green Mountains in a hardy 1932 Waco biplane or my Piper Super Cub, a white bush plane. I've spied a series of beaver ponds, and once, on a sun-dappled pond, I spotted a moose standing knee deep in the water, chomping farcically on a batch of lilies. On the ground, absent the bird's-eye view, the woods are layered, but no less serene. Artifice has been stripped away, replaced by instinct. The air seems permeated with spirituality, and I'm reminded of a conversation Frost had with his Ripton neighbor Rabbi Victor Reichert. Frost asked the rabbi if he believed in God. "What do you think, Robert?" Reichert asked in return. "With so many ladders going up everywhere," Frost said, "there must be something for them to lean against."

Approaching the summit, my thoughts returned to our place in this world. Free from the modern "conveniences"—cell phones, laptops, PDAs—that clutter everyday life, I focused on the myriad dangers our natural resources face. If only policy makers could come here, I thought. Even the biggest egos could be humbled by the reality that we are but an infinitesimal part of the landscape. It was, upon reflection, a message delivered from Abraham.

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■ 530 B.C. The first public library opens in Athens, Greece

■ 500 B.C. The imperial archives, managed by Lao Tze, are established in China

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WITH THE ARRIVAL OF THE INFORMATION REVOLUTION, WHAT HAPPENS WHEN BOOK MEETS BYTE?

BY MATT JENNINGS
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IT'S JUST AFTER EIGHT ON A SEASONABLY COOL WEEKNIGHT IN SEPTEMBER, and though the fall semester is just a few weeks old and the night is young, Middlebury's new library is hopping.

Twelve of the 16 computer stations on the south end of the main level are occupied, a handful of adjacent media workstations (television monitors attached to DVD players) are in use, and of the 10 or so lounge chairs that occupy the north end of this level, only one is unclaimed.

On the second floor, there are more chairs and more occupants. A line of recliners on the east side faces the wall of floor-to-ceiling windows that, in daylight hours, offer a stunning view of the Green Mountains. Students are folded, slouched, and curled into the chairs, reading Chaucer, Chinese texts, and books on Jewish thought.

The polished maple study carrels and rectangular tables are in heavy use, as well. Five students sit around a long table that is strewn with paper and books. Three of the students have laptops, and all five are engaged in an animated conversation about economic theory. In a nearby carrel, a young woman, with her shoes off and feet propped on the desk, is leaning back precariously in her chair, a spiral notebook open in her lap. On the other side of the wooden divider, a guy wearing a backwards-turned baseball cap and

■ 295 B.C. The Great Library at Alexandria is founded

■ 105 B.C. The first college of technology is formed in Alexandria

■ 28 B.C. Rome establishes two large libraries: the Octavia and the Palatine

■ 1116 A.D. Chinese sew pages to make a stitched book

■ 1438 Johannes Gutenberg enters into a partnership with Andreas Dritzhen to conduct experiments in printing

■ 1456 Gutenberg completes the printing of a Latin Bible, originating the technique of printing from movable type

MIDDLEBURY UNPLUGGED
The new library features a building-wide wireless network, which allows laptop users with WiFi cards to connect to the Internet from a study carrel, in the stacks—or from the comfort of an easy chair facing the Green Mountains.

■ 1500 More than 35,000 books—totaling 10 million copies— have been printed

■ 1732 Benjamin Franklin starts a circulating library in Philadelphia

■ 1800 The Library of Congress is founded

■ 1800 Middlebury College is founded

■ 1800 Middlebury College Library is established

■ 1858 Middlebury President Benjamin Labaree acquires 3,400 books while on sabbatical in Europe

frayed gray T-shirt sits hunched over a laptop, furiously pecking away at the keys. In fact, the only area of the library devoid of students is a lonely section in the back of the main level, where nine microfilm stations sit unused.

Perhaps it's the novelty of the gleaming, airy $40 million complex of marble and limestone that has brought out droves of students on this night, but that's not a likely explanation; those present are hardly gawking (that came earlier in the month, when they first arrived on campus) or wasting their time. No, they appear to be using the library precisely the way it was intended.

SHIFTING LANDSCAPE
If a library's main role continued to be that of a repository of material then eventually, Doyle-Wilch says, "the entire U.S. would turn into one giant library."

"In today's world, a library is a place for conversation, collaboration, activity," says Barbara Doyle-Wilch, the College's dean of Library and Information Services. When she first started working as a librarian in Marion County, Indiana, in the late '60s, Doyle-Wilch says, libraries focused on their collections, rather than the people who used them. "The comfort of the user was not important at all," she says. "That's why you had hard, uncomfortable chairs and dim lighting. The presentation of the collection was what was important.

"This mindset—'the more extensive your collection, the better you are'—still lingers somewhat as an indicator of a library's value, but less so in the liberal arts arena. I think we're more focused on judging the value of a library by how well it allows a community to do its work and whether its collection—and infrastructure—is supportive of teaching and learning."

Of course, it wasn't that long ago that "libraries were . . . simple places. Books and journals came in, and, after they were cataloged, books and journals went out," the *Yale Alumni Magazine* wrote in February 2002. "But while the fundamental concept hasn't changed—the library still exists to house information and provide it to whatever public it serves," the magazine continued, "the institution itself has recently undergone a radical transformation, both in the kinds of material it houses and in the ways it makes its holdings available."

Today, 75 percent of a library's budget is spent on journals and multimedia holdings

Thirty years ago, Doyle-Wilch says, 90 percent of a library's budget was spent on books. By the 1980s, there was a solid 50-50 split between books and scholarly journals and audiovisual holdings. Today, 75 percent of a library's budget is generally spent on journals (mostly in electronic form) and multimedia holdings. In addition, libraries at academic institutions such as Middlebury are investing heavily in data sets, purchasing access rights to a vast

■ 1880 Middlebury student literary club library collection is added to the College library

■ 1881 Middlebury library moves into Painter Hall

■ 1900 Egbert Starr Library is dedicated at Middlebury College

■ 1923 Julian Abernethy, Class of 1876, bequeaths 7,000 volumes of American literature to Middlebury

■ 1927 Starr Library adds East and West wings

■ 1940 Middlebury's Abernethy collection acquires Henry David Thoreau's copy of *Walden* containing his personal notes

array of statistical information, such as the United Nations Common Database, which provides a wealth of information culled from 30 specialized international data sources.

"The past decade has witnessed a greater emphasis on teaching what's current," says Doyle-Wilch, "and this means embracing technology."

A JAR OF QUILLS SITS ON THE WINDOWSILL in Barbara Ganley's corner office in the Center for Teaching, Learning and Research, located on the main floor of the library's east end. Her bookshelves are packed with the works of literary giants, such as Shakespeare, Twain, and Joyce. It's exactly the type of office you'd expect a writing instructor to have. But upon closer examination, there are apparent incongruities: the collection of books on cybertheory, for example, on a shelf next to *Finnegans Wake* and *Ulysses*.

A few years ago, Ganley noticed a widening chasm between the lively voices found in the e-mails of her creative-writing students and what she describes as the "listless, empty-vessel writing" found in their papers. Searching for a way to integrate into the creative-writing curriculum the eloquence that these students expressed in their favored medium, Ganley turned to the weblog—a Web site, written in journal style, in which the author links to other sites of interest. Though "blogs" have become *de rigueur* in 2004, they were relatively unheard of when Ganley was introduced to them by colleague Hector Vila in 2002. After she incorporated the tool into the curriculum, she realized that she had discovered a bridge over the creative chasm. Almost immediately, students were posting sparkling prose and critical theory to the blog, sharing their insights not only with Ganley, but with the entire class. Ganley (and Vila in his courses), in turn, found that she could embrace the Socratic model of providing students with questions, rather than answers, while stepping out of the center of the discussion.

THE GREAT DISCONNECT Ganley says there was a widening chasm between the lively voices found in e-mail and the "listless, empty-vessel writing" found in her students' papers. So she turned to the weblog to bridge the gap.

Though blogs have been used as a tool for distance learning in

■ 1967 College library abandons Dewey Decimal Classification system in favor of the Library of Congress format

■ 1971 ARPANET, the forerunner to the Internet, connects the federal government and 22 United States universities

■ 1973 The first computer in England connects to ARPANET

■ 1983 MILNET, a military network, splits from ARPANET

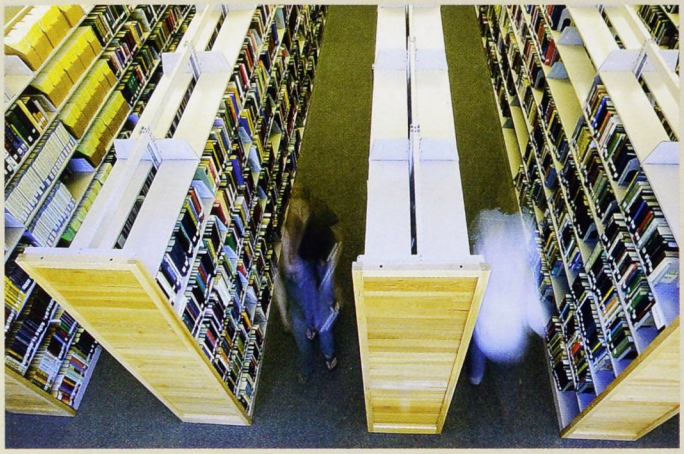
■ 1987 College library replaces card catalog system with an automated integrated library system

■ 1991 The Web gets servers, and planners talk of hypertext and browsers

online courses, Ganley bristles at the notion that the tool has replaced human interaction or classical instruction. "Not for a minute am I giving up that type of engagement," she says. "By no means are we displacing the classroom experience; we're enhancing it, extending it." She gestures toward her door; about 100 feet from the center is a cluster of computer stations. "A student could be out there right now, posting an observation stemming from our discussion in class this morning."

She holds up a copy of Janet Murray's discourse on the future of narrative in cyberspace, *Hamlet on the Holodeck*. "Murray argues that if Shakespeare were alive in the time of blogs, do you think he wouldn't use them? Look at Dickens and Thackeray and their methods of serial writing. Blogging is the natural extension of that way of thinking."

Though she maintains a professional blog of her own (*http://mt.middlebury.edu/middblogs/ganley/bgblogging*) in addition to her course blogs, Ganley insists she's not a technophile. Until she brought blogs into her classroom, she says she was "a reluctant user of technology." Smiling, she adds, "If you want to see the true technophile behind this, go see Hector."



GOT BOOKS?

BIBLIOPHILES CONCERNED THAT THE MODERN LIBRARY no longer collects books will find it reassuring to know that the College library acquires roughly 17,000 books a year, a figure that has remained relatively stable the past five years. These acquisitions join the ever-expanding 1 million-plus library holdings (this includes reference works, government documents, films and videos, archives, and manuscripts).

The library also houses the Abernethy Library of American Literature, which contains more than 19,000 volumes of work. The manuscripts, many rare, represent 1,000 authors, including Henry David Thoreau, Robert Frost, Ralph Waldo Emerson, and William Carlos Williams.

There is also the extensive collection of newspapers and periodicals. The library's lower level contains more than 1,200 issues of current periodicals (ranging from *Rolling Stone* to *Anthropological Theory*) and 50 newspapers from around the world.

HECTOR VILA STANDS ABOUT SIX FEET TALL and has wavy brown hair that is beginning to gray. He's a native of Argentina, but decades spent in New York City have left him with a distinctive New York accent. When he walks into the library's Wilson Media Development Lab on a Tuesday morning for a session with his first-year seminar group, he bellows, "Good morning, children," to which 14 students seated at computer stations arrayed around the room reply, in unison, "Good morning, teacher." The quaint, 19th-century greeting and response would seem forced or weird anywhere else, but for some reason, with this group and with this teacher and in this oh-so-very-21st-century learning center it feels, strangely, *right*.

The students in Vila's first-year seminar, "Future Communities: Technology and Social Revolution," are in the throes of creating digital stories, the latest innovation in the evolution of creative storytelling, that counts stained glass, illuminated manuscripts, and the printing press in its lineage.

Ganley and Vila see digital stories—the combination of video, audio, and recorded narration to form a complete narrative—as an emerging form of academic discourse, but right now, Vila's students see digital stories as another source of first-year angst. Vila confides that he purposely overwhelmed them with the technology—the students are struggling to master the complex editing software, Premier, and many are using super-VHS machines for the first time—so that eventually using the tools will become second nature. "Right now, they hate me," he laughs. "But they'll thank me later. This is the world they're entering."

But the digital-story exercises are more than a means of preparing students for a technological age. Already, serious research papers and even Ph.D. dissertations are now incorporating digital stories to augment text. ("Imagine doing an in-depth literary analysis of a Seamus Heaney poem that includes an audio file of Heaney reading the text," Ganley says. "The best scholarship is *intensely* creative. The brain is associative. This type of work releases us from the tyranny of linear thinking.") And the method of creating a digital story pushes the boundaries of creative expression.

"John Updike said that everyone should write poetry because it makes one more aware of language," Vila says. "I think this is another way of doing that. The scripting component for this type of work is extensive. Language becomes more vibrant; vocabulary becomes very important."

Vila is an academic maverick. Though he has a Ph.D. in English and wrote his dissertation on Henry James ("I couldn't have a more traditional academic background," he says), Vila has been a step or two ahead of his time; only now is his way of think-

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■ 1991 HTML is written, and the Internet is available for commercial use

■ 1992 There are more than 1 million Internet hosts

■ 1996 More than 45 million people use the Internet

■ 1997 More than 80 percent of U.S. public schools have Internet access

■ 1997 The first blogs appear

■ 1998 300 million Web pages exist, with 1.5 million added every day

ing becoming mainstream. He's been enamored with digital expression and the idea behind blogging since the 1980s. The Internet wasn't even a commercial reality then, existing only in an exclusive, insular sphere within the government, military, and the most technical realm of academia. For years, he and his like-minded colleagues searched in vain for the academic model they were interested in following, before realizing recently that they *are* the model.

He thinks this type of teaching, with its reliance on the latest technological trends, is more accepted today because of the students themselves. Even those who would describe themselves as technological novices have never really known a world without e-mail or the Internet.

A glance around the media lab reinforces this impression. At one workstation, a student clutches a mini iPod in his left hand, his head bobbing to the music emanating from the tiny headphones nestled in his ears. His eyes are glued to the flat-screen computer monitor, as his right hand *click-click-clicks* the computer mouse. A series of images flash on the screen; every few minutes, he'll gently put the iPod down on the desk, grab a pen and scribble notes in the margins of his spiral notebook, where his scripted narrative is written. All around the room, the other students are engaged in similar endeavors. For the past hour and a half, pairs of students have been recording their scripts in Vila's office on the south side of the library; when they return, they struggle to match their narration to their images on the screen. They've read too fast; they have too many images; they don't have enough music.

If Shakespeare were alive in the time of blogs, do you think he wouldn't use them?

"Do I have to credit Simon and Garfunkel for this song?" a student shouts.

"Credit *everything*," Vila answers, loud enough for everyone to hear. "Children, the frame of mind you need to have is that this is like writing a research paper. You need to cite everything, just as you would in an academic text. At

DIGITAL PORTAL
A descendant of stained glass, illuminated manuscripts, and the printing press in the evolution of creative storytelling, digital stories are opening new doors in the pursuit of scholarship.

■ 1998 Traffic on the Internet doubles every 100 days

■ 1999 800 million Web pages exist, for 150 million Internet users

■ 2000 8.2 billion e-mails are sent

■ 2004 95 percent of U.S. public libraries offer Internet access

■ 2004 U.S. public library attendance up 17 percent since 1998

■ 2004 New Middlebury library opens

Today's laptop computer has more computing power than all the computers in the world *combined* in 1970.

the end of your story, there should be credits for images, for video, for songs."

Some students are further along than their classmates and are quick to pop out of their chair and help out when cries of "How do I render an image again?" and "How can I make this photo black and white?" ring across the room.

And this speaks to a third tenet of blogging and digital storytelling: the creation of a close-knit academic community. On his professional blog, *www.mediainquiry.org*, Vila echoes Ganley and writes: "[This is] an effective way of replicating the best of the Socratic education using technology—this can be done, this is being done, right here, right now, and in this class; it's now online, but the community, the Lyceum, is formed."

The night before, eight members of the class gathered in the lab for the second in a series of informal get-togethers that offered those in attendance the opportunity to work on their stories in a group setting outside of class. The idea sprang from a student's post on the class blog and resulted in a continued dialogue (in class and online) about the merits of collaborative work. That evening, the eight students not only helped critique scripts and assist in trouble-shooting problems, they learned from one another—through their stories—what it was like to grow up on the South Side of Chicago, to watch a sibling die in a Burmese refugee camp, and to come to Middlebury after being one of only 100 students at an all-Jewish secondary school in Kansas. That session was exactly what Doyle-Wilch was talking about when she said a library is the place for "community, collaboration, and activity."

SINCE THE 1960S, the speed and storage capacity of computers have doubled every two years, meaning that today's laptop computer has more computing power than all the computers in the world *combined* in 1970. This continuous, rapid rate of innovation obviously has an extraordinary impact on the educational model. In the online journal *Issues in Science and Technology*, William Wulf (president of the National Academy of Engineering) and James Duderstadt (president emeritus and professor of science and engineering at the University of Michigan) observed last year that "the university has entered yet another period of change driven by powerful social, economic, and technological forces." Noting the stunning rate of computer innovation mentioned above, they added, "In thinking about changes in the university, one must think about the technology that will be available in 10 or 20 years; technology that will be thousands of times more powerful, as well as thousands of times cheaper."

Though Wulf and Duderstadt were focused primarily on the research university and the increasing prevalence of long-distance learning, their observations were no less relevant to the residential liberal arts college. Middlebury's library was designed to meet the College's needs for the next 100 years. This fact applies not only to the building's innovative environmental facets (high-efficiency windows, a sophisticated climate-control system, energy-efficient lighting) but also to technological change and the evolving world of knowledge management.

"When we first started building the library, I commented, 'What we really need is a pole barn,'" Doyle-Wilch laughs. "We were extremely careful not to put anything in that was not adaptable space." And she's right. Aside from stairways and office walls, there are no permanent structures within the library shell.

Making provisions for future adjustments to accommodate changes in the nature of information storage and retrieval is relatively easy when compared to what Doyle-Wilch and other educators see as the biggest hurdle: meeting the wide range of needs of a diverse set of users. "Everyone wants the library to meet their need," Doyle-Wilch says. But the needs of an 18-year-old creating a digital story can differ greatly from the needs of a faculty member researching the transcendental idealism of Immanuel Kant in relation to the Chinese T'ien-t'ai Buddhism of the sixth-century philosopher Zhiyi. Though Ganley would tell you that this doesn't have to be true—a faculty member could just as easily conduct a large portion of the research online. (For instance, the electronic journal *www.friesian.com/kant.htm* has a wealth of information on Kant and Zhiyi, complete with hyperlinks to academic papers and editorial essays.) But that doesn't account for the fact that, as Doyle-Wilch says, "there are faculty members who have conducted research one way their entire career; their mindset is much more linear than the hyperlinking mindset of the students."

In many cases, simple economics helps make the choice easy. "Often it's an economic choice," says Doyle-Wilch. "We don't have the storage capacity or the financing to buy the same thing in different formats (the same journal, in print and electronic form, for instance).

"But as much as things have changed," she adds, "the fundamental mission of a library hasn't changed at all. We still provide access to history; we still provide the tools people need to conduct their research. That hasn't changed, and I don't think it ever will."

And for now, the "relics" of yesteryear, such as those nine microfilm machines tucked away in the northeast corner of the main level, still have a place in the 21st-century library. On a recent evening, all was quiet amid the Canon Microfilm 400s and Microdesign 950s. But with a flick of a switch, one of the machines hummed to life, emanating that familiar pale yellow light.

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WEBB'S FEAT
New York City architect Kate Webb '83 can take the most awkward or confined space and turn it into a place you'll want to call home. Photograph by Jon Roemer

Room with a View

Architect Kate Webb '83 sees things that others do not

By Brian Eule

Somewhere along the Hudson River just north of Tribeca, there is a professional golfer sitting on his toilet, gazing across the entire length of his loft and out upon the river. There are rooms between this bathroom and the magnificent windows that overlook New York's famous body of water, but Kate Webb '83, the loft's architect, built a series of strategically placed glass panes along the walls so that the residents could maximize their space and still enjoy the view from almost any spot in the loft. And that includes the toilet.

When the loft was finished, Webb asked her client if he enjoyed this added touch. "Yes," he said, "I appreciate my throne."

Webb is made for New York, and, lately, New York's sense of style is being made by Webb. The architect has earned a reputation for creatively taking full advantage of small spaces (a July 2003 profile in the *New York Times* bolstered this reputation), and on an island where one and a half million people cram into 23 square miles, every inch counts.

Walking her tiny dog down the narrow streets of a trendy and bustling neighborhood in Lower Manhattan, Webb gesticulates wildly as she speaks. Her energy level is so high, she seems to speak in fragments, and it's this same sense of manic pacing that fuels her creative process.

One of four kids, she grew up not far from here, in a two-bedroom apartment near Washington Square. Her father built a triple-decker bed in one of the rooms for three of his children. Webb's bed, on the bottom, was blocked by curtains on one side; her two brothers' beds, directly above, had curtains on the other side. The result was a division of the room, a sense of privacy. Three children's dressers were stacked by the foot of the beds, each facing the appropriate direction, and her father built a door in the small space between the beds and the dressers.

That's where Webb says she learned how good design needs to work on multiple levels. And its influence is apparent in her work. In an almost complete penthouse loft with a stunning view of the Empire State Building, Webb built connecting bedrooms for the client's two children, with a half door between the two rooms. The children are both young now, too young for real beds, but Webb had their future in mind when she built space atop their closets for lofted beds, complete with electrical outlets for reading lamps and alarm clocks. That area is now

Photograph by Jon Roemer

My Architect

Though friendships between client and professional are often frowned upon, Webb finds her work would suffer without it. This connection, she says, fuels some of her best ideas.

used for storage, but when the children are old enough to have beds, it will free up the floor space and keep the open feel of the apartment.

"She was able to fit an amazing amount of things in our space," says Layla Law-Gisiko, the owner of the penthouse. "Four bedrooms, three bathrooms, a study... She's an enlightened despot. She takes the input you give her and then she takes over, and you have to understand that's good for you. She doesn't compromise with the design. She's very much a creator of space."

You're not supposed to become friends with your clients, Webb says, since they're paying you and you need to keep that level of professionalism, but Webb can't help getting close to some of the people she works for. She's a free spirit, after all, and she wears her thoughts on her sleeve. Plus, it's the nature of being a residential architect. Clients and architects must talk daily, and Webb finds that when a client shares information about his or her family and their lifestyle—things friends share with one another—she learns things that have a great impact on her design. In turn, Webb has built a relationship that can support a frank exchange of ideas.

"She's an enlightened despot. She takes the input you give her and then she takes over, and you have to understand that's good for you."

Webb was never one to keep her ideas quiet. For this, she says she fits in well in New York, but felt misunderstood almost every other place she has lived in as a professional.

It was in her sophomore year that she took a class called History of the City, with Glenn Andres, that made her want to go into architecture, and she followed it by taking every class related to the subject. Webb double-majored in art history and French and took an internship with an architectural firm. Eventually, she would find her way to a job in the Chicago offices of the firm Skidmore, Owings & Merrill, but the environment didn't feel right for her from the start. She had to be there at 8:30 A.M., no later, and she was told to be out of the door at 5:00, sharp.

"What if you got inspired at 4:30?" Webb asks. "I'm more of a creative person. More of a free spirit. I was never on time."

Every day, she'd sit at a 30-foot table with her colleagues. She'd look around and see the gray décor, the corporate style, and think, "This doesn't fit my personality." Inevitably, on the days she arrived late, a voice would boom over the office speakers, "Kate Webb, please see your studio head."

After 11 months of feeling out of place, one of her friends pulled her aside. "Kate, why don't you give your notice today?"

Webb frowned. "I wanted to last a year," she said.

But it wasn't worth her happiness, and she left the firm. After earning her master's degree in architecture from Harvard, she worked in Barcelona, working on designs for the 1992 Summer Olympic Games, but the culture in the firm in Spain wasn't much better for her. Webb knew she had to come back to New York.

She returned to the city and thumbed through the Greenwich Village Yellow Pages, looking at the architectural firms, starting with the letter *A*. She got a temp job with Asfour Guzy Architects. Then, a month later, she hit the *B*'s and got a job with L. Bogdanow & Associates.

"Where did you hear about us?" she was asked during the interview. Webb thought a second, then replied: "Mr. Y. Page."

A year later, Webb branched out on her own. With her former boss passing along all the projects that were too small for his firm, Webb got off to a quick start, and her business has only accelerated since.

Word of mouth works fast in New York. Webb's work now includes both commercial space, particularly restaurants, and residential space. She constantly juggles multiple projects and tries to take a personal approach with each client. After spending time discussing ideas with them, Webb usually presents three design proposals that are very different. She meets again with the clients and learns about their tastes and preferences from the aspects of each proposal they favor and dislike.

"It works for me," Webb says of the way she's been working since 1994. "It allows me to be myself. It makes the process enjoyable."

No gray, no corporate feel. Just the free spirit from New York, no longer misunderstood.

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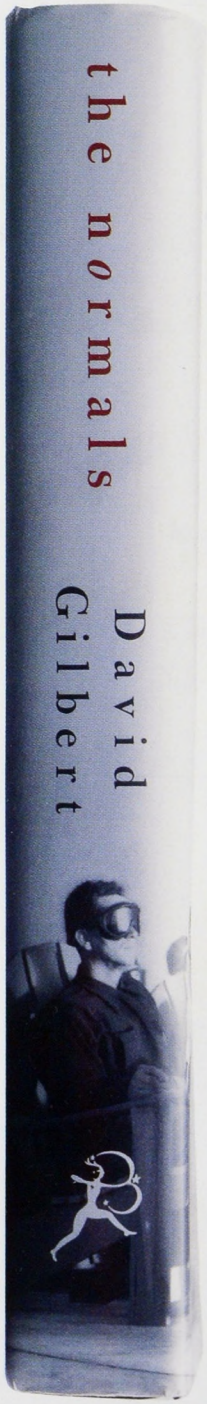
Identity Crisis

Reality gets poked and prodded in the hilarious debut novel from David Gilbert '90

By Blair Kloman, M.A. English '94



What *is* Normal, Anyway? When considering the daily life that swirls around him, Billy Schine is a consistently clever—and highly vocal—observer. He's got an endless repertoire that veers from trivial pop culture to religious fanaticism to lofty literary allusions. And while his quick-release wit may seem annoyingly glib at first, it's soon clear that Billy's ability to cope depends on it.

As the protagonist in David Gilbert's debut novel, *The Normals* (Bloomsbury USA, 2004), Billy has an innate fear of reality, of experiencing life on a real level. So he skims the surface of his New York City life with a shrewd observance here and a cutting remark there. It's no surprise that his girlfriend has written him off, his employment is limited to perpetual temp—despite his Harvard degree—and his non-driving parents only recall his existence when they need a ride.

But Billy wants desperately to *matter*. And so, among other antics, he fosters a paranoid fantasy that he is being stalked by a cutthroat collection agency calling in his college loans. Ragnar, of Ragnar & Sons, is after his money or his life. As Gilbert (a 1990 graduate of the College and a 1994 graduate of the Bread Loaf School of English) writes early on, "You could say Billy suffers from an unhealthy sense of drama."

It's this heightened sense of drama that impels him further along a twisting and hilarious—and often quietly profound—journey into the world of "the normals," everyday people who participate in the testing of prototype drugs. As part of his planned escape, Billy volunteers for a two-week antipsychotic drug trial. The session will earn him money to pay off his debt, as well as time to elude Ragnar's meaty grasp.

"I read an old article about people who do this sort of volunteer drug testing," explained Gilbert, when asked about his inspiration for such an odd plot. "It seemed like an interesting environment to throw a character into." Gilbert further researched the idea by spending time in a CPU—clinical pharmacological unit—just as Billy does. Though he wasn't able to participate in an actual drug-testing session, he interviewed both doctors and normals while there. "It was like summer camp for them—eat, sleep, hang out, watch TV—except you had to take your pills and give your blood."

Many of the support characters are well-rounded and intriguing, but Billy is clearly the main event as he tumbles through this societal amalgam of cultural highs and lows. While he dutifully totes around *The Oxford Dictionary of Quotations* and claims Hart Crane among his life's inspirations, he is equally entranced by mindless late-night television, including the schmaltzy and entreating Jerry Lewis of telethon fame. And his occasional sense of compassion finds the most unlikely targets, including a promiscuous divorcée and a slightly deranged roommate—who is not so "normal" after all. Even when Billy *wants* to connect with people, it seems he just can't.

But the tale is not all gloom, and Gilbert deftly grants Billy a reprieve from his self-protective wit. In a bizarre medical twist that finally lands him incapacitated and dependent on his estranged father, Billy does find his moment of grace. And, of course, he does it in his own ironic style.

Finding Her Way Through Theirs

In 1998, Sarah Erdman '96 spent two years in Nambonkaha, a small Ivory Coast village. As a health worker with the Peace Corps, she arrived with only three months of basic training and was immediately faced with a culture steeped in animistic tradition while teetering on the precipice of a national AIDS crisis. Pondering the goal of her mission, she writes: "How do you promote behavioral change so that peo-

Wake Up and Be Thankful You're Not a Rat Collector

JUSTIN RACZ '97 has conceived the irrefutable answer to those of us who complain about our jobs. In *50 Jobs Worse Than Yours* (Bloomsbury USA, 2004) he reviews some of the worst occupations out there. In a recent interview, he was happily ensconced in his New York City office, where he works at an ad agency coining catchy and alluring copy for "fast food, salty snacks and soda." Here's what else he had to say.

Night Table
What's on Justin Racz's night table?

- *How to Lose Friends and Alienate People* by Toby Young
- *Palladio* by Jonathan Dee
- *Look at Me* by Elizabeth Jennifer Egan
- *Chicka Chicka Boom Boom* by Bill Martin Jr. and John Archambault (for reading to his nephew)

ON THE IDEA: As a temp in New York City, I had plenty to complain about. But every day I'd see this guy just standing in the middle of Fifth Avenue wearing a sign that said "99¢ Store This Way" with a big arrow plastered to him. He was there for months! And I thought, "I could have it worse." And so the idea to find out just how much worse was born.

ON THE RESEARCH: Every one of these jobs is real—and the photos are of the actual people who do them. Hopefully they all have enough of a sense of humor not to be offended by making the list. "Corporate lawyer" just missed the cut. And "investment banker" had some potential early on. Yes, it pays well, but at a price. No sleep, no weekends, no life.

ON THE FUTURE: I'm putting together a page-a-day calendar of *365 Jobs Worse Than Yours* so we can all wake up knowing someone is waking up to worse. And I'm looking for more bad jobs. If anyone from Midd has one, I'd love to put it in the calendar.

ple have more control over their bodies but stop at the threshold where important traditions get destroyed?"

It's a daunting task, yet she finds her way, and *Nine Hills to Nambonkaha* (Henry Holt & Co., 2003) is her story. As a narrator, she lets just enough of her own personality come through while spending more time describing the daily existence of the village's mischievous children and remarkably diverse adults. While the color of her skin—and more particularly the unfamiliar green of her eyes—strikes fear in the children she's so desperate to help, it's also what allows her the status to dine with the mayor and other male elders. Here she earns the respect she needs to further her ideas and implement small but meaningful changes—such as the Healthy Baby contest at market day. With the women, she finds friendship and support through village talk and daily chores—but they're always quick to remark that she never does get her laundry hung before noon, as is the custom.

In the end, it's less a tale of the Peace Corps' success than of one person's quiet ability to foster broadened change in an isolated and traditional culture. Erdman is still with the Peace Corps, and she's clearly dedicated to her personal and professional mission.

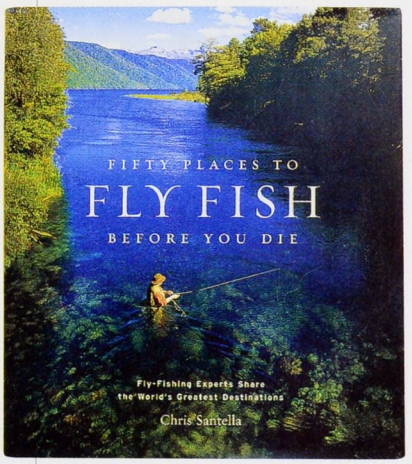
The Well-Traveled Coffee Table

THIS WINTER, armchair travelers can tantalize their wandering eyes with two new location-rich books.

Sabra Harwood Field '57 delivers *In Sight*, a journal-style celebration of previously unpublished works completed between 1990 and 2002. All of the pieces are presented in full-page color for a well-rounded appreciation of Field's characteristic style. Many are accompanied by journal entries and background information that inspired the work, including sketches, color studies, and photographs.

With a preface by Madeleine Kunin, who as governor tapped Field to design the Vermont bicentennial stamp and named her an Extraordinary Vermonter (in 1991), the book offers readers a thoughtful perspective of appealing Vermont life. This is artwork that delivers a strong sense of place steeped in the pleasure of memories.

Chris Santella '85 lures our souls to the art of fly-fishing, with an appreciation not just for the sport but for the places it can take you. In *Fifty Places to Fly Fish Before You Die* (Stuart, Tabori and Chang, 2004), the goal is obvious—from New York to Montana, Russia and Spain, Santella offers precise and engaging explorations of notable fishing



holes. Whether home to trout, salmon, bonefish, or others, the beautiful and often secluded spots ripple from the page at the subtle hand of the author.

The photography is equally inspiring. A brilliant sunset bathes two lone anglers beside the Rio Grande. An aerial view unveils the verdant wilderness along Russia's Zhupanova. And a toothy close-up of a Zambezi tiger fish is a refreshing change from the more typical grins at the other end of the pole.

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28 Dear classmates: Imagine having a college commencement ceremony at your own home! It happened to **William Storrs Lee III**, Doctor of Letters. Since he could not travel to the campus, President McCardell and a Middlebury College delegation drove to New Harbor, Maine, on Tuesday, May 11, 2004, to confer an honorary doctor of letters degree on Storrs. Storrs says that the plan was a complete surprise to him, with the College handling all the arrangements. With son Ralph and a company of 60 friends and neighbors in attendance, the ceremony took place on a beautiful day at Pemaquid Point. By a prearranged bit of telephone magic, I was able to be there for a few minutes to congratulate him for us and to listen in on the celebration, which was lively. This event tops the publication on his 95th birthday of his new edition of *Gamaliel Painter,* his biography of Middlebury College's most important founder. The lighter *When Father Went to College* (Middlebury, of course) is a class favorite, and his series of books about Hawaii revealed his love for his second home of many years. Along with Storrs, we thank everyone concerned with this richly deserved honor. [*Ed. note: We regret to report that Storrs Lee passed away on August 13 at his home in Maine. A memorial appears elsewhere in this issue.*] ✷ We lost two of our classmates in May. Barbara Gordon told us of the death of her mother, **Elizabeth Stoughton Westfall** on May 4. The daughter of Rev. Lewis and Sarah Stoughton, Elizabeth came to our class from Hardwick (Vt.) Academy. She was teaching Latin and civics in Schenevus, N.Y., when she met Arthur Westfall. Married in 1930, they and children Barbara and Richard lived in several New York communities as Arthur progressed in his insurance career. We found Lib again in Delmar, N.Y., and for 50 years she kept in touch. During her Pennsylvanian years, since her husband's death, daughter Barbara and her husband and son Richard have helped her share with us her happy life with children, grandchildren, and a record number of great-grandchildren. She loved Middlebury President Moody and the values we absorbed. ✷ **Marjorie Cross Smith** passed away on May 22 in Cypress Gardens Palmer Ranch Healthcare. She was an excellent student, active in class affairs, drama, and music. We picture her in the college orchestra, almost hidden from view behind her cello. After college, she lived in West Hartford, Conn., where she was active in the Middlebury College Club. We had not heard from her during the Florida years. We send our best wishes to daughter Shirley Smith Morfield '56, son Wendell Smith Jr. '53, and their families. ✷ I would love to have cards from classmates. Mimi
—Class Secretary: *Mrs. J.D. Coombs (Miriam Sweet), 13 Highland St., Concord, MA 01742 (978-369-5595).*

31 Not having heard from **Mary Stolte Toomey** in an uncharacteristic length of time, I e-mailed her son, who lives next door, to inquire of her health. In due course I received a lengthy letter from Mary herself, describing life in her beautiful rural setting. All is well. She enjoys the gardens, the birds, and the other wildlife about her Sugar House. ✷ The latest correspondence from loyal **Philander Bates**, now settled into EPOCH, a Brewster, Mass., retirement home for those who need services classified as "assisted living," was received a few weeks ago. Phil states: "I still 'legally' drive my car, which gives me a feeling of independence." More than that, Phil, still sharp, has set up arrangements whereby he telephones to the stores his listed needs and, without having to get out of his car, whistles upon arrival and the groceries are brought out. A similar routine with the liquor store: the bottle of Scotch is brought to the car! I always knew we had an inventive class! Can any of you match that?
—Class Secretaries: *Mr. E. Parker Calvert, (calverte@aol.com) 6251 Old Dominion Dr., #225, McLean, VA 22101.*

32 **Virginia Coley Smith** writes that she has moved to South Burlington, Vt., to be near her daughter and granddaughter. Her husband, Kingsley Smith '33, passed away in 1997.

34 **Rosemary Ferris Baer** writes about the wonderful surprise 90th birthday party that her son, daughter, and grandchildren planned and carried out, down to the last detail. The amazing part is that this was done from about 2,000 miles across the country. The mystery of what would happen next kept her in suspense. A wonderful dinner was served in the private dining room and later a family sing and the opening of interesting gifts. Rosemary was on cloud nine. She has been living at White Sands, a retirement home in La Jolla, Calif., for many years. ✷ **Lovina Foote Goodale**'s daughter, Anne, writes that Lovina has been living in Douglas Manor of Windham, Conn., a special-care facility, for about two years. She receives excellent care, which relieves the family, knowing that all the best is being done for her. ✷ **Gertrude Hewitt Lathrop** recalls with pleasure her 70th Reunion this past June. Her only regret is that more classmates were not present for reminiscing. She especially enjoyed the tour of the new library and also of the new science building, McCardell Bicentennial Hall. The whole campus is so much different and larger than when she embarked on it in the fall of 1930! She is most grateful to her twin sons who made her day complete by bringing her and furnishing wheelchair power. In the photograph in the summer issue of *Middlebury Magazine* (center foldout section), the '34 banner looks pretty large behind just three people—**Leonard Snow** representing the men's college, **Gertrude Lathrop**, and President McCardell.

35 An early reminder that our 70th Reunion is coming up June 3-5, 2005. I note that we have eight classmates who live in Vermont, so I'm hoping our class will be well represented at Middlebury!
—Class Secretary: *Alma Davis Struble (Mrs. Robert), 1977 Marlboro Rd., Kennett Square, PA 19348.*

36 Secretary Hutchinson reports that **Fran Wilkinson Russ** has moved to another retirement home to be nearer her daughter. The new address for her is Ridgewood Center, 25 Ridgewood Rd., Bedford, NH 03110.
—Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Margaret Leach Harris, 516 W. River Rd., Lincoln, VT 05443; and Miss Louise E. Hutchinson, 149 East Side Dr., #351, Concord, NH 03301.*

37 On behalf of the Class of '37, we thank Dr. McCardell for his outstanding accomplishments as Middlebury's president and wish the McCardells an enjoyable and restful sabbatical in South Carolina—and a safe and productive return to the College and the teaching role that he obviously loves. ✷ First noting that he has "no news fit to print, nor any unfit to print," **Paul Foster** proceeds to give us the welcome news that he's doing fine. He celebrated his 90th in May and is staying close to home, enjoying "dining daily with a close-knit group who, for lack of a better word, I call my caregivers." His daughter and family live in Tucson, his son and wife in Austin. He has six grandsons and one great-granddaughter. ✷ **Rita Cosenza Moore** stays active with water aerobics in her village pool in Venice, Fla. Despite macular degeneration, she plays bridge and attends book club meetings. She and her neighbors enjoyed a Thanksgiving cruise. Since last Christmas she has had visits from all her children and stepchildren. ✷ **Hans Roepke** reports from his home in Frankfurt, Germany, that he keeps up with the political and economic news from the U.S. and extends best wishes to all his old friends from Middlebury. ✷ **Marion Wishart Packard** was

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looking forward to having coffee with her "nearby classmate," **Doris Ryan Pitcher**. ✳ **Phil Brown** is happy to have recovered from a serious bout with pneumonia, which kept him incapacitated for three months. Feeling relatively well again, he was preparing for his 90th birthday in August. ✳ **Doris Downing Daley** was getting ready for a trip from New York state to Indianapolis to see two of her three great-grandchildren. She echoed the sentiments of most of us: "I spend more time going to doctors than anything else," but added, "I can still get around, drive, visit my family, and enjoy my usual pastimes, mostly bridge." ✳ Despite a few health problems, including arthritis and some hearing impairment, **Ruth Furness Lombardy** continues to have a rosy outlook and stays active in her community. ✳ **Grayce Cookson Pierpont** explains that her new home is in an assisted-living facility. She'd enjoy hearing from friends and classmates at her (corrected) address: 4224 Pondridge, Wallingford, CT 06492. ✳ **Walt Brooker**'s back problems kept him close to home in Middlebury for several months, but in May he and Bobbie ventured over to Woodstock for lunch with Carol and Jim Armstrong (former Midd president). The Brookers also took in the sights around town, remembering that they had spent their honeymoon there. ✳ We regret to report the passing of **Ruth Schneider Upson** on December 20, 2003, in New Bern, N.C., where she had been living with her son and daughter-in-law, Stu and Christa Upson. During college days, Ruth was an active athlete, playing on the golf and volleyball teams, and also taking part in dramatics. A dean's list student, she was a member of the English, French, and Spanish clubs. We extend our sympathy to her family and friends. A memorial appears elsewhere in this issue. ✳ My thanks to **Doris Cutting** for putting me in touch with her Vermont neighbor, Elsa Hilger, on the occasion of Elsa's 100th birthday. Years ago, as a reporter in New Jersey, I had written about Elsa having been recruited by Leopold Stokowski to play cello in the Philadelphia Orchestra. It was a pioneering move, making the young cellist the very first woman to be hired by any major symphony in the world. Some of the male musicians were not pleased at first. Earlier, the three Hilger sisters—the cellist, a violinist, and a pianist—had performed as a trio throughout the East. I was one of Greta's piano students. Just this summer I was surprised to learn that Elsa, after her retirement from the symphony, moved to Lake Dunmore and gave cello lessons at Middlebury College.

—Class Secretary: *Marshall Sewell, 20 Morning Glory Ln., Whiting, NJ 08759.*

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Seventy years ago this September, we entered Middlebury as freshmen! Does that seem possible? Unfortunately, when I call classmates to ask for news, too often the reply is "Oh, I've really nothing of interest to tell you." Have you forgotten that we do enjoy learning about any subject? For example, what have you read lately? Where are your children and grandchildren these days, and what are they up to? ✳ **Helene Cosenza Chase** and I had a interesting conversation, having both lost our husbands within the past few months. Helene's granddaughter, who recently received her master's in music education from the Crane School of Music (Potsdam, N.Y.), was one of six people to receive a $10,000 award. This fall she's teaching at a public school in NYC. Helene's son, David, lives in Rutland, Mass.; son Chris, who lives in Brookline, Mass., teaches at Mt. Ida College. Helene's sister Rita Cadenza Moore '37 lives in Florida; sister Louise Cadenza Aldrich '44 lives in Rhode Island. ✳ In a recent conversation with **Virginia Fischer Ellison**, I immediately asked about their "neighbor" in Bensalem, Pa., Smarty Jones. Ginny said that when they all gathered to watch the Belmont, one would have thought they were back in college the way they all shouted and cheered him on. As with many of us, they were disappointed he did not win the triple crown. Ginny sees her daughter who lives in Michigan a few times each year; get-togethers happen often with her son who is about 40 miles away. At the time we were speaking, her twin great-grandsons were nine months old. She calls them the miracle twins, because they arrived three months early and weighed only two pounds at birth. At nine months, Jacob and Joshua weighed 12 pounds and were progressing well. As you can imagine, one of her great pleasures is when Tom takes Ginny to visit her granddaughter, the mother of the twins, in Wilmington, Del. It has been such a delight for her to watch them grow and to be able to hold them! Her sister, Avis '35, lives at the same continuing care community in Bensalem. ✳ **Marjorie Arnold Cady** (in Middlebury) and I (in Shelburne) try to keep in touch. But, with each of us busier than usual, our times together are too infrequent. We hoped to go out to lunch after my return from the July 10 wedding of granddaughter Baca (daughter of Joanne Hall Johnston '67) in Marblehead, Mass. ✳ I see Wake Robin residents Frank and **Eleanor Barnum Gardner** frequently and always enjoy having lunch with them when convenient for the three of us. E is the wonderfully enthusiastic person she was when we knew her in our college years. ✳ **Florence Hulme Miner** lives "just around the corner" from daughter Stephanie in Silver Spring, Md. Son Jay is nearby in Annapolis. Daughter Mary Grace and her husband live near Boston and have the Camp at St. Albans Bay that formerly belonged to Florence and Jim. Grandson Jesse Koenig '99 received his Ph.D. in San Francisco and has accepted a position in Los Angeles. Granddaughter Lauren begins teaching at a private school in a Washington, D.C., suburb this fall. ✳ **Ivan Bunnell** is living comfortably at Canterbury Woods, a retirement community in Williamsville, N.Y. His granddaughter, Sarah Bunnell, graduated from Middlebury with the Class of 2004. ✳ **Ellen Pierson Manser** continues to be well and happy. She writes: "I read the Midd magazine from cover to cover every issue and I'm very proud of the growth and development of the college since 'my day.' I would love to get to reunions, but I'm not a really good traveler anymore. When I visit Vermont on vacations, I always drive through the campus and marvel at all the amazing changes. Best to all old friends who also read the alumni notes.

—Class Secretary: *Mrs. Charles M. Hall (Margaret Leslie), 510 Wake Robin Dr., Shelburne, VT 05482.*

39 REUNION CLASS

Secretary Gould reports: Our 65th Reunion was marvelous! The Memorial Moment in honor of classmates who had died since our 60th was the highlight for me. We all sat in a circle with our guests in the very spot between Gifford and Chapel that we crossed so many times as students. **Tom Murray** read well-chosen words from *The Prophet, The Sanskrit,* and his own poem dedicated to **Bob Cushman**. It was heartbreaking and wonderful all at the same time. Correan Cushman was our special guest for the weekend. Edward Reichert '40 also joined us as special envoy for **Joe Trask**, who was unable to attend for health reasons. The College treated us to a really festive weekend, all planned to make it easy for us older folks to get around. There were lectures, tours of the new library and campus, and delicious food—especially in the big tent behind the president's house, where President McCardell greeted each of us at his last reunion as president. As members of the Class of '39, we were almost the last class to enter the Chapel for Convocation, where we did a lot of cane tapping and heard a wonderful speech by President McCardell. We wish you all could have been there. Classmates in attendance were **Elinor Wieland Cain, Helen Brewer Chadwick, Joyce Mackenzie Cropsey, Jeanette Olson Gould, Edward Grosenbeck, Thor Gustafson, Carol Miner Gustafson, Kenneth Kinsey, Elbert MacFadden, Bertha Waite Markland, Thomas Murray, H. Duncan Rollason, Ruth Coleman Skinner, Evelyn Wheeler Stagg, Roger Thompson**, and **Roland Wolcott**. ✳ We all received a letter from **John Mettler**, telling us that Betty's legacy will continue on campus through the Isabel Riexinger Mettler '39 Professorship, established in her memory. Further details will be forthcoming. ✳ **Robert Rathbone** wrote that he was very disappointed to miss reunion because of illness. We missed you, Bob, and send best wishes for a good recovery. ✳ In the course of recent health problems, **Robert Lord** learned a new word when the doctors put a stent in one of his arteries. Bob writes: "I have reflected a good deal recently on how Middlebury shaped my life's work, in fact changing it completely from what I expected to do when I graduated. Midd was our family's college. I went there to major in French and eventually to teach the subject. An uncle of mine, Richard H. Buffum '18, had been editor-in-chief of the *Campus*. He had made the paper a weekly and had put it on a firm financial basis. When I became editor-in-chief I enlarged the physical size of the paper and entered the *Campus* and some of its editorials in national competitions. The Associated Collegiate Press of NSPA awarded the *Campus* First Class Honor Rating for the first time. One of my editorials, judged by Pi Delta Epsilon, the national editors association, won third prize among submissions from hundreds of colleges throughout the country. All these things led to a change of my major at the end of my junior year, to English, and 50 years in journalism." ✳ **Frances Barrett Johnson** wrote that family festivities prevented her from attending reunion. She reports that her mantra has always been "the strength of the hills is His also." She added that she could just hear those chapel bells and see the sunsets behind the chapel.

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Togo (aka **Paul Eriksson**) reports from Lake Dunmore: "In June, Peggy (Woods) '42 and I were invited by Dr. McCardell to join a handful of Middites at the Pemaquid Point, Maine, home of W. Storrs Lee '28 for the presentation of an honorary LL.D. to him. At nearly 98, Storrs was unable to travel to Middlebury to receive his honorary degree at Commencement time. Only a few of the 25 or so people in attendance actually knew him during or before his time as dean of men and (partial) president after Dr. Moody's departure—Prof. Howard Munford '34, former Dean of Women Mary Williams Brackett '36, Irving Meeker '50, MD, and wife Katharine Pell Meeker '50, and us. Others attending from the College included Hugh Marlow '57 and Mike Schoenfeld '73. The ceremony itself was a singularly lovely occasion, which took place on a small stone terrace (built by Storrs) on the edge of the sea. The summer issue of *Middlebury Magazine* included a photo on page 49." Togo continues: "On Storrs' 95th birthday we presented him with a remake of his biography of Middlebury's founder and town father, Gamaliel Painter, with an introduction by Dr. McCardell, one of our very last publications, as, after 43 years and some 200-odd titles, we have decided to head for the pasture." *[Ed. note: We regret to report the death of Storrs Lee on August 13. A memorial appears elsewhere in this issue.]* ✷ **Marjorie Poor Doyle** hopes to have a good 86th year. She writes: "Still travel, as long as Southwest flies to the West Coast where all my grands and great-grands reside. Winter in Maine makes relocating very tempting!" ✷ **George Davis** is getting ready for the 200th anniversary of the founding of Lewis County in 1805. George has been his town historian for 21 years. ✷ Condolences are in order to the family of **Janet Gilbert**, who passed away in April. A memorial appeared in the summer issue. ✷ Your secretary reminds everyone that this coming June will be our 65th Reunion year. We hope that all survivors will return for the reunion. Start making plans and arrangements NOW and we will keep you apprised of the progress on plans for the event.

—Class Secretary: *Dr. Loring W. Pratt (roachpond@aol.com), 37 Lawrence Ave., Fairfield, ME 04937.*

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As always, Dr. **Ralph W. "Duke" Latham Jr.** is working with a committee formed to create a much-needed dental clinic for indigent kids and Medicare recipients in the Charlottesville-Albermarle-County area. He still gets out to play golf and tennis, mainly to keep the "blood circulating." Last spring Duke and Middlebury roommate **Fred Butler** celebrated their birthdays. Both were born on March 25, 1919. Duke says "you can do the mathematics, if you want to know how old we are." In summer you can count on Duke and wife Peg getting up to their Orient Point home on Long Island. They do this, despite the fact that Peg had her second knee replacement in November. Nothing can stop this always-on-the-go couple. ✷ **Hope Smith Marshburn** has had to give up swimming, but can still drive herself to bridge: "If anyone has a solution for playing golf while attached to an oxygen tube, let me hear from you." Two of her grandsons are in London, one researching grad schools and one studying to become a rock star! She sums it up: "This is my life—so far, so good!" ✷ **George "Bud" Berry** recently had lunch with **Bill Bursaw, John Hicks**, and **Fred Butler**. Bud has authored a book, called *Common Clay*, which is the history of the American Terra Cotta and Ceramic Company from 1881 to 1966, when he closed down the last architectural terra cotta company in the U.S. The development and construction of the American skyscraper and the change in the American city skyline occurred from 1885 to 1930, during which period his company did some 8,000 buildings in the central U.S. and Canada. ✷ **Bill Littlehale** recently enjoyed two months in the heart of Sarasota, where he could walk wherever he wanted to go. He does calisthenics, walks two miles a day, and enjoys a lot of bridge. ✷ Although eye problems prevent **Connie Girard Brown** from driving, she can enjoy reading, book discussions, bridge playing, and church activities. And, unlike many of us, Connie has no hearing problem. ✷ Jamen (**Frances-Jane Hayden Trask**) has moved to Prescott, Ariz., to be near a daughter. Grimmy (**Edith Grimm Miller**) visited Jamen in March, before she moved, and they had a great time "doing" Philadelphia. Although it was difficult to make the decision and the move, Jamen quickly found an early morning walking partner and joined three bridge groups and a line-dance class. ✷ **Betty Stratton Loomis** is selling her home and looks forward to moving to a new section of a retirement village in nearby Peabody, Mass. ✷ **Carol Hubbard Newcomb** enjoys the lovely home her brother designed for her 30 years ago, in the midst of the New Hampshire mountains. She enjoyed a visit from her son and she occasionally visits a cousin in Concord. ✷ **Babs Warren Loftus** finds her retirement community rather lonely now, but she anticipated a visit from her daughter, and her son has a meal with her twice a week. ✷ **Doris Wickware** is not sure whether she will resume driving. She manages a balance problem by using a cane. Her new cat is providing good company. ✷ Bami (**Irene Egbert Lally**), who has seven grandchildren and four greats, was doing well following major surgery in April. This summer she hoped to visit sister Alice (in California) and her sons (Montana and Wyoming). Her daughter is in Troy, N.Y. She keeps in touch with **Mary Nelson Loud** at holiday time. ✷ **Jane Skillman Sara**'s grandson was recently inducted at West Point. Jane has given up driving, but travels far and wide with a friend. Last spring they took a bus trip to Cape May; this summer they were taking a three-week tour (via plane and bus) to western Canada. Jane is now managing the craft shop in her communitnity. Jane and **Peg Wiley Thomson** often speak of getting up to Midd. We hope they make it for our 65th in 2006! Jane reports that Peg keeps busy with several singing groups." ✷ Becky (**Mildred Becker Elefonte**) reports that Collington, where they live, is having financial problems and services are being cut back. Michael has been in and out of the hospital and otherwise Becky takes care of him. She chairs a local book discussion group and the National Symphony is also on her schedule. ✷ **Barbara Grow Grim** and Bill work out in an exercise room at least five times a week, trying to regain "normal" strength. Bill had trouble with falling and had been on a rigorous regime, but he is now much improved. B is relieved to have retired as librarian. She reported that **Marie Stockmayer Boltz** is in an independent living facility in Farmington, Conn., with her three children living nearby. ✷ Laddie (**Edith Ladd Evans**) was anticipating her annual summer reunion at the family camp on Wilson Pond, Maine. She was recalling what fun they used to have when she, **Shirley Metcalf Handforth, Alice Noppel Knight**, and **Hope Smith Marshburn** all got together. ✷ We regret to report that Roth (**Helen Rothery**) **Higbee** died April 3, after a long and valiant fight with several cancers. A memorial appeared in the summer issue. We have many fond memories of Roth. Shaubie (**Margaret Schaub**), who lived near Roth and **Jan Lang Krumm** one year remembers how they would play records and dance, dance, dance, They did so enjoy it. Our deepest sympathy goes to her family. ✷ We send the sympathy of the class to **Dinny Peloquin Coenen**, whose husband died last January. She was moving in June to Noble Horizon, a retirement community at 17 Cobb Road, Salsbury, CT 06068. ✷ Our condolences also go to **Charlotte Gilbert Lightfoot** on the death of her husband, Ed. She continues to live in her La Habra Heights, Calif., home, above the smog of the city and little affected by area growth. One daughter lives nearby, the other in Alaska; her son is a state park ranger in Lancaster, Calif. She anticipated spending August and September at the family homestead in Dorset, Vt. At holiday time she keeps in touch with **Ginny Brooks Hutton**. ✷ Gradually adjusting to the loss of husband Paul, **Elsa Norgaard Cullen** feels fortunate to be in her retirement community. She spent a spring weekend at daughter Debby's, in nearby Farmington, with all three of her children and her four grands. ✷ **Peg Waller Glazier's** family enjoyed a May gathering for her grandson's graduation from the Univ. of N.C. Peg and Ed were taking a two-week riverboat trip this summer, including the Rhine and the Danube. ✷ **Debbie Mayo Beattie** enjoys her new location at a Northfield, Vt., retirement home. She can watch ball games at the nearby Norwich athletic field. ✷ It was nice to receive a note from **Alice McCutcheon** who seems to keep well. ✷ **Ruth Hardy Scheidecker** enjoyed three delightful weeks in California in June. After attending a granddaughter's graduation from Redlands College, she visited a cousin in the "fruit country" and did some sightseeing in San Francisco. Later she took a tour to the Peabody-Essex Museum in Salem, Mass. ✷ Jack and Westie (**Helen West Burbank**) spent a quiet 60th wedding anniversary in June, but all of their families were coming and going during the summer. Two granddaughters are in medical school and another has completed a year in Berlin on a Fulbright scholarship. ✷ Packy (**Ruth Packard Jones**) recently learned of the birth of her second great-grandchild—a boy! Mothers' Day weekend took her to Boston with her four daughters, visiting the Gauguin exhibit at the Boston Museum of Fine Arts and an all-day tour of Boston, concluding with a ride on the swan boats. ✷ Still living in the Middlebury house where she grew up, **Barbara Wells** is treasurer of Church Women United of Addison County, serves on the annual State Assembly workshop, and volunteers at Henry Sheldon Museum research center. Her new hobby is button collecting. And for "real fun" she's the "Queen Mother" of the Middlebury Red Hat Society. ✷ **Adele Marshall Phinney** finds it pretty noisy around the College, with all the building going on. She plays a little golf occasionally. Her youngest son works in the admissions office, and her grandson captained the great Middlebury College hockey team. ✷ **Joe House** has successfully moved from Hyde Park, Vt., to an apartment

in Maine, near daughter Elizabeth House Sky-McIlvain '70. He took along a strong interest in his Middlebury friends and would love to hear from them at P.O. Box 248, Georgetown, ME 04548. When **Charlie** and **Doris Wolf Bartlett** stopped to see him in June (en route to visit a daughter in Augusta, Maine), Summy remarked, "I don't know how they do it—both looking and appearing so well and traveling around the country in a motorhome with a car on behind." From a grandson's high school graduation in Evanston, Ill., the Bartletts continued their "RV odyssey" from Maine to Vermont, New York, and New Jersey.
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Nancy Hall Whitehouse brought us up to date with a May newsletter, just past the deadline for the summer column. As of May 14, she was moving from her longtime home in Florida to a retirement community in Portland, Maine, to be nearer her daughters. Daughter Linda lives in Portland at the Barron Center, a facility for MS patients. Daughter Willow (formerly Susan), a psychologist for five schools in the area, lives nearby. Son Larry, who lost his wife last November, lives in Florida; son Lennie is in Texas. Nancy is looking forward to getting reacquainted with New England bird life, after concentrating for nearly 20 years on Florida natives. She says (as we did 37 years ago) "I'm never moving again." Her new address is Woods at Canco, 257 Canco Rd., #306, Portland, ME 04103. ✳ In August 2003, Ozzie and **Betsy Barclay Wales** moved into a condo in Yarmouth, Maine: "A good stop at this stage of the game. Had a successful show of watercolors last summer at our local library. Hope to get back to painting soon. Somehow mundane things have interfered as of late." ✳ **Joan Calley Cooper** reports: "All's well. Few complaints. Possibly a new address coming up." ✳ Dorothy and **Richard C. (Dixie) Davis** enjoyed the beautiful spring in the Washington area: "Busy with house and yard work. Still enjoying golf and jazz—it helps to keep me moving. Best wishes to all our classmates." ✳ Writing from Scarborough, Maine, **Irv Senne** sent us the sad news of the death of **Gus Root** in late April. Gus had an extraordinary life. (See his memorial in the summer issue). He was still teaching in his 80s, with courses ranging from evolution to computer instruction to Buddhism. After his first wife, Jane, died in 1998, he remarried; at the same time, at age 79, he began writing a column for the *Portland Press Herald* on topics ranging from the cosmos to the study of systems as they applied to education to how to grow old productively and gracefully. In a piece about his life and death, the *Press Herald* concluded: "The world is a little less interesting now that Gus Root is no longer a part of it." ✳ We note with sadness the death on July 10 of **Ethel Stark Randall**. Ethel was unable to complete her four years at Middlebury, but she was always, in every way, a supporter of the College. Ethel lived in Hamilton, N.Y., where she was associated with Colgate University for many years. She was married to Mark Randall, a fixture in the Colgate athletic department as coach, trainer, and director of physical education, as well as the director of a nationally recognized program of water physical therapy. Ethel had suffered from Alzheimer's disease for several years and died in the Presbyterian home in New Hartford, N.Y. ✳ This summer, **Peter J. Stanlis** directed six programs on Robert Frost at the Frost Stone House Museum in South Shaftsbury, Vt. In May, he participated in the Samuel Johnson Society meeting at Northwestern Univ. In October, he was taking part in a conference on Frost at Georgetown Univ. ✳ Betty and I returned in late June from our annual two weeks at New Harbor, Maine. We had hoped to see **Charlie Beach** and Joan, along with Harry Walch '39 and Marie, who live in Waldoboro, but this year we missed connections. So we will look forward to next year. Did get to share time with daughter Lucia from Seattle, son Andrew from Keene, daughter-in law Felicia from Lunenburg, Nova Scotia, and assorted grandchildren. Don't forget! News comes from you, so keep in touch. Christmas letters are always welcome.
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Our thanks to Cynthia Krieble '68, who wrote in July that her parents, Jim and **Mandy Sanborn Krieble**, have enjoyed getting to know their fellow residents at Kendal in Hanover, N.H. Mandy has joined a bridge group and Jim contributes time overseeing the copying machine for residents. They have participated in numerous cultural/educational events taking place in the community, such as a speech by General Wesley Clarke. Except for Jim's cataract surgery in March, both have had stable health. Mandy is eager to be more independent, but realizes it will take a lot of hard work to build up her strength. ✳ A June e-mail from **Ralph Barclay** informed us that he seems to be holding his own in his contest with prostatic cancer, going on since 1991, with the most recent psa at an acceptable level. He's following a vegetarian diet—his "latest health craze," he says—and perusing various "health letters" closely. He writes: "I did have one nice Middlebury day recently. **Red Barmby** lives in Vienna, Va., outside the Beltway on the west side, and I am equally far out in Bowie, Md., to the east of D.C. It's at least a 60-mile trip through congested roads from Bowie to Vienna. Red's wife, Ellaveen, is big in garden clubs and so I was directed to pick out their house by the Garden Club flag flying from the flag pole. As you might expect, having lived there for 40 years, their grounds are of garden-club variety. Found Red in good shape; he drove us to a Greek restaurant where I could find vegetarian food on the menu. Red reads a lot and presents me with interesting clippings at our meetings. I retaliate with articles from the 'health' letters to which I subscribe." ✳ "In spite of the usual array of limitations," writes **John (Red) Barmby**, "I am still doing well, thank the Lord. We don't dare move, lest the house fall down when we remove 39 years of 'collectables.' **Ralph Barclay** keeps us cheerful with his humorous e-mail jokes." ✳ **George Nitchie**'s wife, Laura, passed away on May 17, a few days after suffering a severe stroke. In late June, George said he was getting along okay. Daughter Catherine, who lives about 20 miles away, has been of great help to him. His nephew has also been quite supportive. George had been doing the cooking and housekeeping during Laura's illness, so he's accustomed to caring for himself. George's two other daughters are in Florida and San Francisco. He looked forward to visiting their Tunbridge, Vt., house in July, together with family members. ✳ When we last reported on **Jim Brown** he was writing articles for boating magazines from Camden, Maine. Now completely retired, he has moved to Middletown, R.I., on Narragansett Bay, not far from Newport. His condo is at White Hall Farm, established by Bishop Berkeley (for whom the Yale Berkeley Divinity School was named). Jim reports this is quite a change from their previous dwellings. (In Maine they had a succession of seven old New England houses, all built before 1830). He walks to the beach several times a week before breakfast. A son, granddaughter, and grandson live in nearby Fall River, Mass. Jim says he still misses Camden. ✳ Caught up with **Ralph Crawshaw** in Portland, Ore., as he returned from giving a lecture at a meeting in Vancouver. Ralph remains very active in Oregon health circles, had one book on the practice of medicine published about a year ago, and is now working on another one. He thinks he may possibly be the oldest person to take a bobsled ride (which he did last winter) down the Olympic run used for the Salt Lake City Winter Olympics. ✳ **Steve Wilson,** also in Portland, says he's beginning to show some effect of his age, with "problems with equilibrium and some forgetfulness," but he still walks and drives. Their son lives in Portland (four grandchildren are ages 27, 19, 6, and 4); a daughter lives in Denver. ✳ **Bob** and **Ann Cole Byington** had a week's visit with son Russell in Texas last spring. Granddaughter Callie Roe is at the Univ. of Southern Maine in Portland and grandson Ben is in Pembroke, Mass., where their daughter lives. Bob remains active, swimming three times a week, and playing golf. ✳ **Marty Newton VanGaasbeck** is in great physical shape, still playing golf and still living nine months a year in the house she and Van built in Longmeadow. The other three months she lives in Fort Pierce, Fla. She confesses that she now uses a cart instead of walking the 18 holes. (You're entitled, Marty.) She also gardens and plays duplicate bridge (food for both body and mind). Last summer she witnessed the marriage of two grandchildren on Cape Cod. Marty sees **Russ** and **Bounce Dounce Dale** in church every Sunday and reports that they're still hanging in there. ✳ Intensely involved in volunteer work, **Anne Willis** belongs to a visiting nurse association and mentions gardening, cooking, bridge, and a book sale, among the activities in her 36-hour days. Anne reports that college roommate **Barbara Roberts Ormsby** has moved to the nursing home unit of Meadow Ridge, following the recent death of her husband, Ed Ormsby '40. ✳ Having not heard in half a century from **Doris Magee Enniss**, I (KSS) called her and we had a long chat, recalling memories of our senior year in Forest East. Doris was a choreographer for our modern dance club in those days, and we rehearsed in the third floor lounge. In retirement, Peyton and she moved to Florida to play golf year-round. They are no longer able to golf or to travel, but their four children visit them often. ✳ The new address for Fred and **Betty Brigham Barrett** is 1 Beachwood Dr., #238, Waterford, CT 06385. Brig says they sold their farm in Vermont and their other home in Florida to move to a retirement residence near the water, close to New London. Lots of their family (9 sons, 7 daughters, 19 grandchildren) live nearby. This summer, as usual, the entire family was gathering for two weeks at the beach near Westerly, R.I. Brig recently stopped playing golf, but she remains active in a literary study group and a bridge group. Fred continues painting in oils and recently gave a small show of his works. ✳ Living in Southbury, Conn., Howard and **Betty Attenhofer Van Valkenburg** are keeping very busy. ✳ Time constraints prevented **Skip Wilkin**

Dimond and husband **Bob Rude** from visiting the Sillimans en route to Niagara-on-the-Lake, Canada. Too bad. It was cherry season and the tail end of strawberry season in western New York. We still pick our own. ✷ "As a last hurrah," writes **Virginia Carpenter Halstead**, "Gordon and I are leaving for another National Trust stay in England. This time we'll be in two houses in the peak district, one a converted gamekeeper's cottage called 'Wicket Nook,' and one, 'Darfar,' an 18th-century stable with loft. Our 12th and 13th adventures into history." ✷ Cressey (**Carolyn Stanwood Whiting**) attended her granddaughter's graduation from Washington Univ. in St. Louis. Then she left for another summer in South Freeport, Maine. She writes, "Many thanks to everyone who made our 60th Reunion so memorable!"

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For the 35 classmates, 18 spouses, and 3 grandchildren attending, the 60th Reunion of the Class of '44 was, by all reports, a huge success. The dinner on Friday evening, the Saturday luncheon at the president's house, and the Saturday reception and dinner at Proctor Hall gave us all time to reminisce and get caught up. At Saturday breakfast, the Class of 1944 received the Gold Key Award for achieving the highest percentage of participation (87 percent) among reunion classes. Thanks to all who responded to the calls made by our gift committee members for this remarkable record. **Ted Kolzak** accepted the award on behalf of the class. We did more than eat, however. There were tours of the spectacular new library, the lecture by Felix Rohatyn '49 (former ambassador to France), the exciting Convocation, the brief memorial service (held around our class tree in front of Old Chapel) to remember the 21 members of the class who had died since our 55th Reunion, and the always moving chapel service on Sunday. The highlight of the Reunion Weekend was the Convocation, held at 5 PM on Saturday. Mead Chapel was filled to capacity with returning alumni from over 12 reunion classes. To the sound of tapping canes and loud applause, each class was introduced with a short review of events that occurred during their time on campus and the amount of their reunion gift was announced. As the Convocation neared conclusion, President McCardell gave an eloquent and emotional farewell as our retiring president. On Sunday morning many of us attended the Chapel service and a final brunch before departing. ✷ Many attendees are travelers. **Muriel Roome Wakeman**, who spent the month of February visiting her son in California and her daughter in Hawaii, returned for Easter with another daughter and son and their families. ✷ **Ricki Wheaton Evans** recently returned from three weeks traveling in Europe with her daughter. ✷ **Shirley Earl Banta** and husband Robert had returned from a wonderful trip to England. ✷ **Betty Broadbent Brown** was about to take a European trip, built around *The DaVinci Code*. Betty had been in Colorado for her granddaughter's graduation from Colorado College, as well as two birthdays (her son's 50th and her 81st). ✷ **Shirley West Johnson** (whose daughter Sally '72 was our guest speaker at the reunion dinner) and husband Leight were returning to Ireland for a one-week tour via car and driver. In August they planned a houseboat cruise on the St. Lawrence River with children and grandchildren. ✷ The weekend after reunion, **Sally Curtis** was attending graduation at Northfield School in Massachusetts, where she was a faculty member for over 30 years. ✷ **Jean Chatfield Addison** and husband Ed were chauffeured to reunion by granddaughter Jessica Moulton, who then drove them to Cambridge to attend her graduation from Harvard Business School, with an MBA. Jessica soon found Anna Makowski, granddaughter of **Al Boissevain**, who was taking Anna on a trip to the East Coast after her graduation from the Univ. of Indiana. At the president's luncheon, the two girls sat with Jonathan Taft-Dick '05, grandson of **Hugh Taft** and wife Barbara. Jonathan (who spent his junior year at the Italian school in Florence) was one of our student assistants during the weekend. ✷ **Stod Johnson** was seen jogging around campus during the weekend. (**Lenore Jenkins Johnson** told us that she insisted he carry some kind of identification when he was jogging around the streets of cities in Italy when they were there!) When not jogging or playing tennis, Stod is writing World War II memories and other historical pieces. ✷ **Betty Mercer McChrystal** and husband Bill brought greetings from **Irene Ruthenberg Conner**, whom they had seen recently. The three McChrystal grandsons are doing well and learning languages. ✷ **Jean Hebert** and wife Frances arrived in time for Saturday's events. They continue to spend winters in Vero Beach, Fla. ✷ **Dave** and Irmy Nierhaus '48 **Stebbins** told us that son Andy '82 and his wife are living and working in Hong Kong. ✷ **Jean Milligan** visits nieces and nephews in Vancouver, Calgary, Toronto, and Stratford, Ontario. ✷ In Braintree, Mass., **Marge Palmer Maxham** is busy as librarian/archivist of the historical society, serves on the historical commission, and plays the French horn in the Quincy Symphony Orchestra. Husband Don is enjoying his new sit-down mower. ✷ **Ruth Huff Allen** and husband Charles had to miss the christening of their three youngest great-grandchildren in order to attend reunion. ✷ **Ruth Waldmann**, who had planned to attend, had to cancel but sent greetings. ✷ We also received various greetings from **Thirza Benedict Wales**, **Paul Davis**, and **Bill** and **Ingrid Monk Stevenson**. ✷ Greetings from **Pete Harris** were read by **Peter Jennison**, who presided at the Friday evening dinner. ✷ **Hal Parker** and wife Edee reported that they had moved to 235 Rivermead Rd., Peterborough, NH 03458. ✷ **Nancy Read** has moved from Norwalk, Conn., to 2032 Inverness Greene, SunCity Center, FL 33573. ✷ **Pat Noe Bursaw** brought two mounted display pictures for the exhibit in our Gifford headquarters, with contributions from **John Cadwell** and an album from **Lois Hoffman Blittersdorf**. Pat and husband Bill Bursaw '41 reported (with mixed emotions) that they sold their home in Naples, Fla., where they had spent 16 winters. Based in a retirement community in North Andover, N.H., they still spend summers in Portsmouth, N.H. ✷ **Al Rathbun** and wife Sally advised folks not to move or downsize, if possible. Too late! **Neil** and **Marylu Graham Atkins** have sold their home of 30 years in New London, N.H., and moved into a condominium community (70 Hilltop Place, New London, NH 03257). In addition to those already mentioned, **Louise Cosenza Aldrich**, **Charles Baird**, **Mabel Buttolph**, **Mary Whitney Cassedy**, **Robert Crooks**, **Bob Darrow**, **Dutch DePodwin**, **Dorothy Ayers Ingalls**, **Louis Menand**, and **John Urban** were also present at reunion. We had a great time and we missed all of you who couldn't make it. ✷ We send our best wishes to **Dorothy Burton Skardal**, who had to miss reunion because she can no longer fly. She reports that "both memory and energy have declined since the slight stroke I had a year ago." ✷ **Warren Smith** declares that he is "still kicking." We're happy to hear it.

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Ralph Crawshaw '43 took a bobsled ride down the run used for the Salt Lake City Winter Olympics.

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Our 60th Reunion is coming up on June 3-5, 2005. Please come if you possibly can! What could be nicer than a weekend in that special of all places, our alma mater. ✷ On April 28, as scores of noisy matinee-ers filled tables at Sardi's restaurant in NYC, no group was more enthusiastic than the loyal Middlebury reunioners as they gathered for their annual luncheon. With **Mary Elizabeth Wiszotsky McClellan** unable to attend this year, the luncheon was organized by **Ruth Collins Shikes, Shirley Miller Stearns**, and **Ann Robinson Walker**. Also attending were Bette Bertschinger Saul '46, Jean Luckhardt Stratton '46, **Barbara Platou Gerra, Alice Southworth Twible**, and **Joanne Higgins Wolfley**, along with honored guest Edward Porter, Alice's older son. Shirley hopes that everyone will want to continue the tradition of getting together and being part of the spirit and the camaraderie. If you agree, and are within driving distance of NYC, let one of us know and you will receive information prior to our next gathering. ✷ Jean and I (Ann) learned from the conversation that **Betty Hatcher Hruby** had been in Medford Leas infirmary for six weeks, suffering with a broken femur. Needless to say, we both rushed home to visit her and found her cheerful and recovering. She was discharged shortly thereafter. ✷ In connection with the dedication of the World War II Memorial, **Mary Elizabeth Wiszotsky McClellan**'s World War II memories as a civilian were published on the *Washington Post* Web site, under the title "Inner World of Bomber Creates Awe." ✷ **Jean Bender Heermans** has given up driving because of vision problems, but finds her retirement community (3895 Old Vineyard Rd., #32, Winston Salem, NC 27104) supplies all the residents with ample and pleasing entertainment, meals, and other amenities. She lives near older daughter Lynn and has a new granddaughter in Raleigh. ✷ A phone message came from **Lee Van Leuven Morehouse**, who was in Lexington, Mass. They plan to move to Camden, Maine, when their home of 53 years is sold. Downsizing seems to be a familiar trend these days. ✷ **Ruth Strode Carsley** wrote recently from West Yellowstone, Mont.: "I'm just back from a trip

on the back of my son Scott's snowmobile to Hegan Lake, about two miles from our cabins. We saw two immature eagles and lots of swans. Pete [Ruth's husband] had Parkinson's and died six months after we moved here. We built beside Scott and Janice, who peeled logs for their large cabin in Horse Butte almost 30 years ago. Scott and Janice own Alpine Guides, not far from the west entrance to the park. I look out at a large sagebrush meadow, now covered with snow, and up at Horse Butte to the southwest. Surrounded by snow-capped mountains, we are 40 miles from Big Sky ski resort." Comparing Montana to her former life in Maine, Ruth says the only thing she misses is her friends. ✳ My (Anne's) latest activities are attending graduations, one in each of my four children's families. The most unusual was held at Johns Hopkins, a special ceremony conducted for 12 senior Blue Jay baseball players, who were scheduled to play in the NCAA Division III Mid-Atlantic Regional at graduation time. ✳ **Esther Kennedy Graf** has been recovering from a fall that necessitated a partial hip replacement. She managed to stay at home until last year, when a relapse resulted in a move to an assisted living facility. Her husband passed away in late 2000, a few months after their 50th wedding anniversary. ✳ Secretary Wolfley received a note from **Bob Clement,** who is happily retired but temporarily laid up after a fall from the deck of his home in Sebastopol, Calif. (This is in Sonoma County wine country.) Bob reports that he and wife Phyllis enjoy sailing and kayaking on nearby Clear Lake and would always welcome old Midd friends. ✳ Retired for over 10 years from the *Chicago Tribune*, where she was an award-winning reporter and bureau chief, **Eleanor Burt Nelson** is living with her husband in Sun City West, Ariz. Now a community activist and a columnist for the *Arizona Republic*, Eleanor is the author of a fun book, *Retirement Is a Game: Insider Tips on How to Play*. ✳ Remember: It's not too early to begin planning your trip back to Midd in May '05 to celebrate our 60th. Who knows how many more of these seminal events are in our respective futures? You may have noticed that, except for a dreaded obit or two appearing in recent issues, there hasn't been much news from the men's side of the aisle. Your secretary desperately needs news—almost *any* news but politics accepted.

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In our last MiddMag column, we reported the happy news that **Jean Luckhardt Robbins** and Dr. Roland Stratton were married in November 2003. Additional news from "Lucky" expresses her joy at her marriage to this long-time friend. She also reports on a delightful luncheon at Sardi's in NYC with **Bette Bertschinger Saul** and several Midd '45ers. The luncheon is an annual event. See the 1945 column for more details. ✳ **Jeanne Picard Johnson** reported that their "trip to Malta last October was the second best we've taken." ✳ Peter '45 and **Jean Crawford McKee** recently moved to New London, N.H. (P.O. Box 1021; 03257). ✳ **Betsy Barclay Wales** and Ozzie moved into a condo in Yarmouth, Maine, in summer 2003. ✳ **Glo Antonini Keyser** e-mails us that she got together with Joanne Buckeridge Booth '47 at a recent reception for President McCardell. They discovered that they are somewhat close neighbors in Maine. ✳ **Mary Nasmith Means** reports that her husband, Don '47, passed away May 27 after a long illness. He was buried in Arlington National Cemetary. We extend the condolences of the class to Mary on this sad news. ✳ We also send condolences to **Margaret Hood Kennedy**, who reports "a hard year since BJ left us almost a year ago. But I have a wonderful family! Sharon, Brad, Scott, and Grant have taken over for their dad, to say nothing of the five grandchildren."

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How wonderful to have an unexpected phone call or letter from a classmate with special news to share, or maybe just a normal accounting after a long time of no messages! Such was the feeling inspired by **Pat Harvey Oehler's** e-mail description of her attendance at the dedication of the World War II Memorial. Traveling with a tour group via bus, all the way from Sacramento, they were seated in the center front for the ceremony. Pat reports that the monument is beautiful and the crowds were 'epic'! Veterans from the wars in Korea, Vietnam, and the Gulf were there, along with those of World War II, and crowds of other people. There were wheelchair jams, walker jams, bus jams, and people jams, Pat reported, but the weather was great and the mood of the crowd was also. Everyone seemed to bask in a sort of glow. After seeing the sights of the D.C. area, her group returned home, still feeling the glow of that special occasion. Pat continues her docent role at the city zoo; its big attraction now is the "Chimpanzee Challenge Maze," in which viewers learn what a baby chimp has to learn in order to survive to adulthood. Pat finds tremendous enjoyment in all that she does there, and we are glad she shared. ✳ **Betsy Hornaday Fry** continues her quiet, steady days at White Horse Village in Pennsylvania, where she and husband Bob now live. She is in charge of the library at their residence; she finds it a challenging, but fun, job. ✳ **Peggy MacCormick de Forest** writes: "We appreciate catching up on alumni news! Kellam and I are enjoying our retirement years in this beautiful spot, where we first met 53 years ago." They live in Santa Barbara, Calif. ✳ A social worker who retired six years ago, **Charlotte Davis Wilson** now does soup kitchen work through her church. "Charlie" lives in Boxford, Mass. She enjoyed a recent family trip to Jamaica; it was a gift trip and a great time to be with her daughter and family. She reports that she has spoken with **Kitsie Pomeroy Blair**, who lives on Martha's Vineyard. ✳ The Vermont group of classmates planned to meet late in May, and five were able to be there. They were **Jean Davis Battey, Lynn Bruhn, Peggy Armstrong Igleheart, Dottie Domina Willard**, and **Kay Gray Weed**. **Mollie Stevens Chesbrough** had planned to be there, but could not make it at the last minute. They planned a fall meeting at the Woodstock Inn on September 23, when your reporter, **Jinny Stowell James**, hoped to join them. She goes up to New Harbor, Maine, each summer and, in recent years, has called on former Middlebury dean W. Storrs Lee '28, who also served as director of publications for the College and interim president. In May, President McCardell traveled to Maine to confer upon Storrs the honorary degree of doctor of letters. The ceremony took place on the rocky ocean shore before the Lee cottage (see photo, page 49, summer issue). To many men in the Class of '47, some newly returned from service, Storrs Lee was a wonderfully understanding friend and helper. Do read his biography of Gamaliel Painter if you have a chance! *[Ed. note: We regret to report the death of Storrs Lee on August 13. A memorial appears elsewhere in this issue.]* ✳ Bud '45 and **Nancy Fitz Smith** (Fitzie), who live in Rochester, N.Y., see **Joanne Buckeridge Booth** each summer in Maine. Nancy reports that her life focuses on her art, and she is enjoying that very much, taking courses all the time and exhibiting when she can. She had 28 full-sized watercolors and 11 miniatures in a show last January in Rochester. She has shifted slightly from landscapes to figure drawing, painting, and portraiture in recent years. ✳ **Lynn Bruhn** reported a weekend gathering at her Arlington, Vt., home, where Carl and Tag (**Jean Taggart Lindblad**), Andy '50 and **Steeny Rolls Pepin**, Jean and **Carl Needy**, and Dave '49 and Perry Maurer Thompson '48, spent the weekend together with good food and good conversation.

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Charlie and **Mim Wade Butts** supplied an update: "We keep busy as volunteer members of the Partnership of the Historic Bostons, a nonprofit organized to develop better understanding of the enduring legacies of our city's historic links with Boston, England. The year 2005 is the 375th anniversary of John Winthrop's arrival. In December, Charlie will finish 11 years as president of the Boston English-Speaking Union. Mim continues to lecture on art and art history, with emphasis on stained glass, New England merchants, and their mansions and collections. As Travel Seminars, we continue to take small groups on four-day trips. Last year it was *Castine to Campobello*; this October, *Exploring the Chesapeake Bay*. We keep up with our four children, their spouses, and three grandchildren in East Montpelier (Vt.), Branson, (Mo.), Methuen (Mass.), and Apple Valley (Minn.). We are in touch with **Jane Anne Saurman Myers, Seab Short**, Will Bangs '45, Dex '50 and Norma Horsford Whittinghill '51, and Dick '43 and Lee Van Leuvan Morehouse '45. And we manage to make a little time for tennis and golf." ✳ As of April, **Elaine Pankopf Cummings** was semi-retired: "I'm on the list of sub secretaries at the superintendent's office of the Berkeley Heights, N.J., School System. Don continues, at age 78, to work daily! We are about to embark to Ireland for our 50th anniversary two-week trip. Our children and grandchildren continue to thrive and accomplish. The latest thrill came from son David in Seattle, who was among 12 nationwide to receive the Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers. He received the award and the $1.25 million five-year grant for his research lab (field of obesity) from President Bush at the White House on May 4. It doesn't get any headier than that for the proud parents." ✳ Hip replacements are in the news! **Patricia McCabe Perkins** reports "one hip replacement and two knee replacements," as well as "one dog, one cat, two daughters, four grandsons, and two great-granddaughters, all thriving." ✳ **Janet Edwards** had her hip replacement in August 2003: "It's a long road to recovery, but the result is great! After eight months, I'm almost 100 percent." ✳ Two years ago, **Gini Knudsen Allen** and husband Jack '50 moved from their home of almost 40 years to a townhouse, where they are enjoying life. They are still involved with their church and its activities, Gini continues her participation in Literacy Volunteers, and Jack is still an enthusiastic member of the Transportation

Museum. ✷ We were sorry to learn from **Mary Lou Allin Bartholomaus** that her husband, Bart, passed away at Christmas 2003 of complications with Parkinson's disease. Mary Lou writes: "We had been married 55 years and have lived in Ocala, Fla., for 30 years. Even so, we never missed a reunion until the 40th. I retired from service with our County Extension Service in 1989." ✷ Thanks for your news. Now let's hear from the rest of you.
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49 REUNION CLASS

We missed all of you who didn't make our 55th Reunion. It was a great gathering of 56 of our classmates, plus spouses and friends. We were very comfortably housed in Gifford. The College is really good to us. To mention just a few of the attendees (I know I would overlook someone, should I attempt to make a complete list), it was wonderful to see Anthony '50 and **Cleone Jones Sporberg**, who didn't get to our 50th. Also the twins, **Rachel Adkins Platt** and **Lee Adkins**, made great brother-sister cochairs. **Lee Cuniff Ketzel** came from Kansas, **Jean Caldwell Ferrell** from California, Tom and **Marilyn Mulholland Jacobs**, George and **Willie Williams Wood** from Ohio, Paul and **Ann Holt Watkins** from Massachusetts. **Patty Perkins Flagg** was wearing gorgeous quilt-style jackets she made (yes, she'll custom order you one). It was a bit nostalgic to hear John McCardell's last reunion speech. He has been so great to our class and to Middlebury itself. Dave and I spoke with the new president, Ron Liebowitz, and can report that John is leaving Middlebury in good hands. Great to see our own Hotch (**Alice Hardie**) singing in the chapel choir on Sunday. **Pat** and **Kay Mulligan** were there. **Buzz Myers White** and **Jo Elliott Pillsbury** from Maine rode over with us. It was great to see Quirkie (**Lois Quirk Racz**) there, as well as **Kyle** and E.J. Barker '48 **Prescott, Dave** and Perry Maurer '48 **Thompson**, John '50 and **Gene Edgar Irons**, **Jean Rettalick Govert**—I could go on forever. Elizabeth and **Felix Rohatyn** were there, and Felix gave a very interesting talk Saturday to a "sell-out" crowd. On Saturday, the all-college lobster bake behind Forest Hall, under different class tents, was outstanding. Class of '49, be sure to mark your calendar for our 60th. It will be great. ✷ In other news, **Dick Price** was unable to make the reunion, but sent best wishes to all. ✷ **Dorothy Britton Mauk** was sorry she couldn't make it to reunion: "We've already enjoyed two trips this year, including three weeks in South America—where we were among those rescued via helicopter following a landslide on April 10 in the town adjacent to Machu Picchu, Peru. An "adventure of a lifetime!" ✷ As president of the Massachusetts Council of Residential Specialists, **Betty Dean Custer** is still actively selling real estate, with a focus on adult communities. ✷ Having survived a recent illness, **Bill Lippa** was "looking forward to helping Kerry campaign for the presidency. He has been volunteering at Massachusetts Hospital School (for disabled children) for 12 years. ✷ **Jim Barlow** reports that "of the 50 some Middlebury grads in Wyoming, about 50 live in Jackson Hole." ✷ Lois and **Jack Barry** took a 50th anniversary trip by car, spending a sunny month "delighting in middle European music, art, theater, and beer." They stayed in remote B&Bs, traveling from Frankfurt and Heidelberg ("city hall wedding chapel revisit") to Rothenburk, Bohemia, Moravia, Tatras, Slovakia, Krakow, Dresden, and Prague. ✷ Quirkie (**Lois Quirk Racz**) moved down the road two miles from the B&B she and her late husband ran for 40 summers. She is "contemplating another move, to an apartment in a full-care complex, trading Cape Cod Bay for the hills of central Massachusetts." ✷ **Charles Puksta** is justifiably proud of daughter Juliana Puksta Maglathlin '77, who was recently promoted to the position of director by her a large company, and of granddaughter Rebecca, who recently became the third generation in her family (after her father and grandfather Charles) to graduate from M.I.T. Her major was biochemistry. Rebecca moves on to the doctoral program at Purdue Univ., where she'll be working in the research labs. Charles closes: "Credits also go to my wife, Lorraine, who returned to the Univ. of New Hampshire, at the young age of 75, to obtain her Bachelor's Degree."
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In Philadelphia last March, the Association of American Geographers bestowed a great honor on **Phil Porter**. The citation reads: "Philip W. Porter of the University of Minnesota-Minneapolis received the 2004 Lifetime Achievement Honors for major contributions to physical and human geography, and geographic techniques. For the publication of path breaking work in nature-society-development, argrometeorology, food security, cultural ecology, and political ecology, for devotion to converting research into teaching and service, and for contributing to the intellectual life of the discipline." ✷ Ed and **Faye George Berube** were delighted and very proud to learn that their son, Raymond, was one of five Navy Captains to be appointed to the rank of rear admiral. The announcement was made by Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld and the president. At the time of the announcement, Captain Berube was serving as assistant commander of business operations at the Navy's Bureau of Personnel in Millington, Tenn. He will be assigned to a naval base working within a unit responsible for the maintenance of either the Atlantic or Pacific fleet. During his 26 years in the Navy, Captain Berube has operated within the Navy Supply Systems Command, utilizing his college major in economics and business management, along with a master's in financial planning from the Navy post-graduate School in Monterey, Calif. ✷ We received sad news of the deaths of four classmates: **Tom Fraoli, Andy Ferguson, Jean Simmons Arnold**, and **Norm Bates**. Our sympathy and condolences go to their families. ✷ **Joan Beattie-Wilson** keeps busy as an ombudsman for the New Mexico State Agency on Aging. She's also an elder for her church, sings in the choir, and plays bells in the bell choir. She has "become an amateur photographer (NOT digital), because the sky views over the mountains from my back patio were too good not to record. I enlarge the best photos, mat and frame them, and sell them at arts and crafts fairs. Still working on my backyard (this is the fourth summer) which was just a hill. Now, it is livable." ✷ **Carol Hentz Spooner** sent a note telling of activities at the Posse retreat, and of enjoyment in having a Hentz Scholarship student from Zimbabwe attend church with her. She also noted that the Town Hall Theater in Middlebury is being renovated. ✷ **John O'Connor** and **Scotty Paterson** had their spring golf tuneup in Coral Springs, Fla., and have dedicated themselves to further polishing their games for participation in the Gordie Perine tournament this fall. Hopefully a few other classmates will give us some competition.
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On June 5, **Raymond Gadaire** was inducted in the Bridgton Academy Hall of Fame, both for his participation as a varsity athlete and for his contributions as a faculty member and coach. After serving three years in the Army Air Corps, he attended Bridgton Academy and Middlebury, then returned to teach and coach at Bridgeton before his 34-year career at Milton High School. ✷ **Marty O'Brien Fenn** continues to have a busy life. She has worked 35 years as a medical librarian at the local hospital. Just recently, she was elected president of the Brattleboro (Vt.) Branch of AAUW. On the home front, she keeps in touch with her sons (one in Massachusetts, the other in Sweden) and five grandchildren. ✷ **Helen Guernsey Bates** sends "many thanks to those who contacted our family after Norm's death in February. Our four children and ten grands were most appreciative. So far, five of them have chosen western colleges; however, my niece is checking out Midd. The golf course is handy to my winter home in Hemet, Calif. To look me up there, call 909-652-3525." ✷ **Barbara Penn Buchanan** (Penny) revealed how much she and husband Bob have enjoyed being in Ocala, Fla., since moving there four years ago. They are very involved with horses and Ocala appears to have every variety of them, plus a big thoroughbred operation. One attraction is that the soil is of the same type as that in Lexington, Ky., producing the best grass for horses. The blended Buchanan family represents a range of ages and activities. One son is a horse trainer. A two-year-old great-grandson's father is a professional hockey player. Bob's granddaughter's wedding in Minneapolis was coming up the day after the U.S. National Horse Race in Louisville, where Penny's half Arabian filly (she owns one third) will be racing. If all goes well, she hopes to make both events! Good luck! ✷ On a sad note, Penny recently received notice that **Saranne Crawford Cooke** passed away in June, after a long battle with emphysema. Saranne's husband, Joe, died several years ago in Hawaii, where they had lived for many years. ✷ If anyone has a knee problem, **Marianne Folk Lincoln** highly recommends knee replacement surgery. She had it this past year and comments, "It's great—just like new!" It must be, as she and Paul are enjoying traveling. They recently took a trip through the Panama Canal (for the second time) and anticipated a trip with their church, a cruise on the Danube with side trips to Budapest, Bucharest, and Prague. Marianne and Paul enjoy having their unmarried son at home temporarily. He's a big help around the house—especially when they're away. Their two daughters live in Connecticut and Arizona. ✷ **Don Sherburne** reports that he recently completed editing a book of essays on Alfred North Whitehead. Don lined up the various contributors to the publication and also wrote one of the essays himself. Even in retirement, he is staying plenty busy professionally. ✷ **Don Axinn** is enjoying the recognition that his new movie, *Spin*, is receiving. One reviewer commented, "*Spin* is enriched by a running commentary on anti-Mexican racism in

1950s America." *Spin* is based on his first novel of the same title.

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Judson Ford Jr. writes that he and MaryEllen "enjoyed a long Easter weekend visit by Hope and **Bob Morgan**, who were transiting from their 'winter quarters' in Tucson, Ariz., to their home in Great Falls, Mont. There was a lot of catching up to do. Aside from visiting the Albuquerque BioPark and Zoo, Bob and I (with the sufferance of the ladies) yakked at great length about skiing at Midd, particularly our many ventures to Mad River Glen. This discussion was triggered by a news item sent by Betty and Corky Elwell '50 from Brattleboro. The article pointed out that Mad River is still running the only single-chair lift in the country and that Mad River is one of only four ski resorts in the country (two in Utah, one in Taos, N.M.) where snow boarders are not welcome. Let's hear it for Mad River Glen!" ✳ **Jean Caissa Willmer** was looking forward to spending a month in Buenos Aires: "I will be going with fellow students of Spanish, to work on the language, to live with an Argentinean family, and to gain insights into Argentina's current situation." ✳ **Carol Whitham Brewster** reports that "adjusting to life alone (as a widow), after 48 years of marriage, is a challenge. I'm still skiing, mostly at Sunday River in Maine with a senior group called PrimeTime. I sing with a choral group and serve on the board of directors for our Senior College at the Univ. of Maine in Augusta." ✳ **Barbara Oetjen** recently returned from a "gorgeous 23-day cruise from Buenos Aires, down the Argentine coast to Patagonia, Falkland Islands, Antarctic, up Chilean coast, fjords, glaciers, etc., to Santiago." ✳ Ferd '49 and **Lois Tyson Vetare** were celebrating their 50th anniversary in July! Lois writes: "Our four girls all live nearby, bringing us great joy. Ferd is active in Lions Club, American Legion, etc., and plays tennis, paddle tennis, and golf. I play a little golf. I'm also active in my Presbyterian Church and volunteer for Historic Hudson Valley in Sleepy Hollow." ✳ **Anne Cleary Sennish** writes from Farmington, Mich., that she spends two-thirds of her year on Lake Erie at Kelley's Island in Ohio. She also paints watercolors. ✳ In Atlanta, Ga., **Mary Muessel Pulling** is about to do some home improvements on her condo. She bicycles and does what she calls "light hiking." ✳ **Ruth Eldridge Race** and husband Peter welcomed a staunch group of '52 ladies, including your secretary, Jeanne, into their lovely Boxford, Mass., home on May 18. There were 14 of us in all and everyone helped to write this column. ✳ **Shirley Herrman Andrews** had hoped to join us, but could not. She has been very busy with the editing and publishing of her new book. ✳ **Sally Baldwin Utiger** is still very involved in refereeing tennis competitions. She and husband Bill planned to go on the Great Lakes Cruise sponsored by Middlebury and Bill's college, Williams. They will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. ✳ In Freedom, N.H., **Lee McGowan Allison** has been busy working with victims of domestic violence for over six years. She's on a crisis line one day a week and is a court advocate for victims. She also works in her local library. ✳ **Lynn McMillen** enjoyed being with us also. ✳ **Carol Holmes Phillips** skied and hiked a lot last winter, getting together with **Carol Whitham Brewster**. Carol and husband John were taking a bicycle trip to Sweden in June. ✳ **Liz Loemker Furber** came down from Maine, along with **Alice Hildreth Rand** and **Mary Ann Webb Rice Leavitt**. ✳ **Nancy Shahan** came from Newburyport, and **Jane Rupp Cooke** was there after a busy winter of skiing. ✳ **Lucy Lee Frisbee** and husband Will spent a few days with the Races, so that Lucy could be part of our mini-reunion. ✳ **Joan Cairns Lancaster**, who spent two years with us at Middlebury, enjoyed renewing acquaintances. She's now living in Boothbay Harbor, Maine, in St. Andrew's Village, a retirement community not far from her family and Liz and Ed Furber. ✳ Your co-secretary Jeanne recently returned from a wonderful trip to Hawaii with son Bill '82 and his wife and three boys. We went for a family wedding and to the Arizona Memorial at Pearl Harbor, then on to six days on the Big Island and five on Maui. We did a lot of touring to wonderful sites, the lava flow, the Black Sands Beach, the coffee plantations, the largest cattle ranch in the U.S., the Parker Ranch. The countryside was spectacular!

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When Joy Hale was in Vermont returning her granddaughter to classes at Middlebury, she happened to run across the class note about **Don Peach** in the 1953 column of the spring 2004 *Middlebury Magazine*. Since the note mentioned that Don was a former town manager in Glastonbury, Conn., Joy passed the class note along to the Glastonbury newspaper, the *Glastonbury Citizen*. Via this circuitous route, Don's class note news appeared in the May 6 editor's column in Glastonbury, where all his old friends could read about his successful career after moving from Glastonbury to Rangely, Colo., in 1981. ✳ **Ralph Gundersen** headed back to Rhode Island for the summer. He hoped that classmates in the Rhode Island area would give him a call. He wanted to "have lunch and do a little remembering about the old Midd days." ✳ **Susan Taylor**, of Urbana, Ill., served as the Middlebury College delegate April 17 in the academic procession for the inauguration ceremony for the 13th president of Illinois College in Jacksonville, Ill. ✳ **Laura Chapman Rico** is still living in Los Baños, Calif., where she is still teaching basic math and coordinating the tutorial program at the local community college. She is also still active at St. Alban's Episcopal Church and goes to Anvik, Alaska, every summer for vacation Bible school.

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54 REUNION CLASS

Secretaries Nickerson and Ryan report: Wow! What a party! From Thursday afternoon until the brunch at **Bob** and Betsy Heath '58 **Gleason**'s home on Sunday morning, the Class of '54 (97 strong, with six members returning for the first time) had extraordinary weather, incredible food and drink, and marvelous company. There was something for everyone: golf, tennis, swimming, hiking, walking tours, a piano recital, lectures—by Felix Rohatyn '49, **Marcia Kraft Goin** (who, this year, received an honorary degree from the College), and Eric Davis (prof. of political science)—jazz bands, Zydeco music, and, most important, the social gatherings with our classmates. **Ann Heath Fay** and **Jim Hunt** did an outstanding job as social chairs. The College supplied six energetic students (or recent graduates) to guide us around, carry our bags, drive vans, and assist us in innumerable ways. **Karl** and **Lois Robinson Limbach** and **Dick McCoy** led the gift committee to a major success and an award, with 82 percent participation. The total amount given by our class was $336,914—not bad for a bunch of AARPers! We all did good work! And our class received another award for the highest percentage of alumni returning for reunion. The weather was magnificent, the golf course was in good shape, the tennis courts were excellent, the swimming facility was superb (no wonder the College is called Club Midd), and the hiking was "just right"—not too long, not too short. The first cocktail party and dinner Thursday evening at President McCardell's home featured a beautiful setting, excellent food, and a lot of excited conversation. At a Friday morning meeting at Kirk Alumni Center, there was a discussion on current topics of interest at the College. Then each of us received our 50th Reunion pin—and the promise of one with three diamonds in it on our 75th Reunion. And then off to many activities. Dinner that evening was held under a tent near Starr Library. (The *new* library is incredible, with Vermont maple accents, a coffee bar, and lounge chairs!) Again the food was superb. The entertainment was furnished by **Bill Skiff**, who gave his impression of a typical Vermont dairy farmer. I hope his monologue was recorded somewhere, because it was terrific. Vermont humor sounds unique, but it really is universal. On Saturday—a warm, sunny, cloudless, Vermont summer day—there were walking tours, a lecture by **Marcia Kraft Goin** (and other lectures by Felix Rohatyn '49, Eric Davis, and John Hunisak), a book discussion of *The DaVinci Code*, and the Convocation at Mead Chapel. It was a truly moving experience. We were the last of the reunion classes to enter the chapel; the loud tapping of the canes and the applause from the other classes was almost overwhelming. Since this was the last Convocation at which President McCardell would preside, his speech was particularly poignant. (He has always spoken remarkably well, but this talk was unusually good). Following the Convocation, dinner for all the classes was served under white tents (trimmed with white lights) on the Battell lawn, where 1,800 fresh lobsters were cooked for the assembled multitude. There was a lot of intermingling with classmates and with friends and children in other classes. As night fell, there was a dazzling fireworks display. Each evening, there was additional entertainment at McCullough, from Dixieland to

Zydeco to blue grass to jazz. On Sunday, nine class members sang in the alumni choir at the chapel service (probably a record number from any one class). About 60 (definitely a record number) trooped over to the Gleason home for a brunch, catered by the ever popular Dog Team Inn. Unfortunately, our ranks are thinning somewhat. We have lost 58 classmates in the last 50 years, or 17 percent of our original class of 339. A memorial service was held near a tree in front of Munroe Hall, where the names of our missing 58 were read by **Nancy Whittemore Nickerson, Hazel Hoxie Greaves**, and **Bill Skiff**. **Karol Baldwin Teiko** sang, beautifully, and brief prayers were recited. All in all, our Reunion was a magnificent gathering. We suspect that most of our classmates had such a good time that they will attend again in five years. In the meantime, stay active, stay connected, and keep those cards and letters coming! ✳ **Kathryn Allin Dyson** was sorry to miss the 50th. She writes that, as the result of some surgical difficulties, her left foot is "somewhat warped." Kathryn is not anxious to have a bone graft, which might help. "I think not! Will endure the pain for now. Walking is difficult, but at least I have a foot and can walk." ✳ As mentioned above, **Marcia Kraft Goin** received a doctor of science degree during Middlebury's commencement. Marcia is a prof. of clinical psychiatry at the Univ. of Southern Calif. Keck School of Medicine, where she is the director of residency training in the adult psychiatric outpatient department. She's also the president of the American Psychiatric Association.

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Blair Bunting Darnell sends news of her family. "Daughter Kristin lives in Columbus, N.C., where she is an artist and her husband, Patrick Schmitt, is a doctor. Son Cliff Darnell and wife Cindy are in Arkansas, where they gallop and train our thoroughbred racehorses. Their daughters, Courtney (18) and Carlee (7), help with all the animals! Our second daughter, Emily Jane, and husband JoeBob Nuñez live in Corrales. Emily teaches and is an early childhood advocate. JoeBob is a roper and a plumber! Daughter Mary Darnell rides and runs the New Mexico State Fair Queen contest." We were sorry to learn that Blair's husband, Casey, died in 2001. ✳ **Alan Frese** wrote that he was "running the Architectural Book Publishing Co. from my 41-foot Hunter sailboat in Mystic, Conn., where I am four days each week in the summer. Earlier this year I was in Australia, exploring the Great Barrier Reef area. Had to be evacuated by helicopter from Port Douglas, when a cyclone wiped out the roads with floods and an avalanche." ✳ On a recent trip to China, **Chuck Craig** and wife Ann had a "dim sum" lunch with 10 Midd alums (ranging from Class of 1991 to Class of 2001) in Shanghai. Chuck writes: "The young alums we met were very impressive. I gather most were Chinese majors, and we were very impressed with each of them making a life and career for themselves in a very dynamic and fast-changing society and environment. Our visit included Beijing, Xi'an, Shanghai, several other Chinese cities, four days on the Yangtze, and five days in Malaysia. Americans might as well get used to the fact that China (and also India) are fast growing economic powers. The question to be answered about China is 'can you have high economic growth and little coincident political change?'" ✳ The Class of '55 is planning a pre-reunion ski outing in Vail from February 26 to March 5. **George Limbach** and **Judy Zecher Colton** are busy organizing the event. You don't have to be a downhill skier to join in on the fun, as there will be lots of other activities to do. Along with George and Jud, the following classmates have signed on as possible or definite attendees: **Frank Punderson, Sally Dickerman Brew, Nancy Walker Faulkner, Bruce** and **Sue Heyer Byers, Bill Admirand, Sid Brock Gates, Junie Stringer De Coster, Mary Ann Damon Jackson, Sally Foss Haskell**, and **Pat Hinman Makin**. If you are interested and want more information, please contact George at glimbach@ graycary.com. This is sure to be a fun-filled week, and everyone is invited!

During the summer, Alan Frese '55 ran the Architectural Book Publishing Company from his sailboat

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By the time you read this, about 50 classmates will have gathered for a September weekend on Indian Lake in the Adirondacks at Timberlock, the family camp owned and operated by the Catlin family. Barbara and **Dick Catlin** and their son and daughter-in-law, Bruce and Holly, will be our hosts for a pre-50th Reunion. Those intrepid Danes, Erik and **Jeanne Hauselmann Bolvinkel**, were to join us, along with other classmates from as far away as California. Expect a full report in the next column. Erik and Jeanne report that they traveled widely in the Scandinavian countries this year, including a sailing trip down the western coast of Sweden on a 10-meter sailboat, a six-day trek in the Norwegian mountains, and a week with children and grandchildren on the west coast of Denmark. ✳ Father **Ron Lawson** is back in the States, after many years abroad with the armed services. Based in Massachusetts, he is hoping to have a parish somewhere in New England before too long. **Myrdith McKinley Benedict** said that she and **Helga Neuse Whitcomb** were invited to a reunion with Ron in Middlebury not long ago. They enjoyed the stories of his travels. ✳ **Sylvia Cosman Bailey** is happy as a clam on the midcoast of Maine. She ran into **Charlotte Alexander Uivary** in a hotel in Trier, Germany, a few years ago. ✳ A late spring exhibit, "Exploring Experimental Painting," displayed new water media artwork by **Sally Thomson Clark** at the Mohawk Valley Center for the Arts. ✳ Although he's not sure how he got on the list, **Hugh Van Zelm** received an e-mail from NBC weatherman Willard Scott, asking him to write a page or two about the joys of reaching "a certain age." Hugh sent in a few thoughts and—to his astonishment—his piece was published in Willard's book, called *The Older the Fiddle, the Better the Tune*. In the index, he's listed after Mamie Van Doren. Keeping good company, Hugh. ✳ In June, classmates **Nancy Marvin Hall, Joan Mackinnon Houghton, Babs Bennett Murphy**, and **Mona Meyers Wheatley** converged on Hyannis, Mass., to help **Gail Knight Derick** celebrate a birthday. The restaurant seemed quite content for us to spend over three hours having lunch, as we reminisced and tried to catch up with the latest news of classmates and happenings at Middlebury. Gail's husband, **Phil Derick**, recently launched a new career that keeps him traveling widely and spending time in one of his favorite places, Fenway Park. He's part of a Boston Red Sox public relations effort to host delegations and provide tours of Fenway. The Red Sox keep him busy from spring training to the play-off games in the fall. ✳ It's less than two years until our 50th Reunion in 2006. Mark June 1-4 on your calendar now and plan to be there.

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On a June 7 Paris walking tour, following the D-Day anniversary observations, Charlie '56 and **Heather Hamilton Robinson** caught a glimpse of Felix Rohatyn '49, the former ambassador to France. Unfortunately, they had no chance to catch him to say hello. ✳ Hope you didn't miss the write-up on **Peter Decker**'s book, *The Utes Must Go*, in the summer issue (page 47). ✳ **Sabra Field** was named Governor Deane Davis Green Up Citizen of the Year for 2004. Governor Davis was the originator of Green Up Day in 1970. No other state in the nation boasts such a successful continuing tradition, wherein thousands of Vermonters volunteer to clean up litter from Vermont roadsides and public places. ✳ I (**Mary Ellen Bushnell**) have been appointed town clerk in tiny Sharon, N.H. Duties include registering cars and licensing dogs. Delight includes getting to know everyone in town. In August I'll attend town clerk school in Bow, working towards certification. ✳ The coaching team for this year's Vail Supermasters squad included none other than **Hugh Marlow** as manager. As Bobo put it: "This could be the crew that leads us to the Promised Land and the crystal trophy that we have lusted after for eight years!" ✳ Our thanks to **Priscilla Noble Grundy** for sending in a newspaper article about **Helen Pagoulatos Brassington** sponsoring a Special Olympics team in memory of her husband, **Dick Brassington**, who died two years ago. The article quotes Dick's daughter, Mary Brock, as saying that the gift is appropriate because Dick "was such a kind soul. He was very caring and kind. I know that he would be very happy to know he was helping kids." ✳ The '57 "Gang of Four" on this spring's China trip included **Betsy Mathewson Bailey, Mary Ellen Bushnell, Jay (Jr.) Everest Harrison**, and **Ellie Maier MacDowell** (plus husband Ned '56). Betsy wrote at the end of May, when just getting over jet lag from the China trip. "I'm suffering an emotional letdown. After more than a year of looking forward to THE trip, it's hard to believe it's over! The trip was an amazing experience, intense, tiring, educational, and meaningful for the wonderful new Middlebury-connected friends

we made. Nick Clifford's presence made all the difference. We were also accompanied by Anne McDonough '00, a beautiful, young alum and a Chinese linguist, who has lived in China for two years and works for the *Washington Post*. There has been constant e-mail traffic among the whole group since we returned." Betsy sends an example of Middlebury hilarity during the trip: "Sitting high atop the city of Xian in the business center of our luxury hotel, I typed out the words to four Midd songs, hoping to get the ladies together for a 'step singing' on the aft deck of the Yangtze river boat. As it turned out, the boat sponsored a talent show one night and our alumni (female and male) wanted to participate. A hasty rehearsal quickly eliminated two songs ('High, High, High. . .' and 'Where the Otter. . .'), because too many didn't know them, and added 'Victory.' It also started a controversy about the correct pronoun in the Alma Mater (his? hers? its?). I think we were all singing a different one during the actual 'performance.' But with Ned on the piano, how could we lose? Bless him and Elli for creating a wonderful song in honor of the trip, 'Give Our Regards to Beijing' (aka, 'Regards to Broadway!'), which we sang as well. And, of course, 'Gamaliel Painter's Cane' rounded out our selections." A long e-mail discussion followed the trip. Judy Starbuck Hanneman '61 produced evidence that the pronoun in the Alma Mater is "symbol of HIS strength and truth." She writes: "I have it on the cover of a record (yes, we actually used to have 'records,' not tapes or CDs). Actually the whole write-up on the back of the record (The Songs of Middlebury College by the Women of the Class of 1957) is worth it for memorabilia, e.g., 'Victory, Oh Victory,' sung after every touchdown the Middlebury team makes." Betsy's reply: "OK, OK, I give up! Nick Clifford had it right all along. I had thought it was OUR. You realize that the 1957 record to which you refer included the voices of the "Gang of Four": Bailey, Bushnell, Harrison, and MacDowell! I scoured every yearbook I have for the words but didn't even think to look in the ancient record collection. Thanks for the research, Judy." Jay (Jr.) replies: "So glad to finally get the HIS/ITS controversy settled. But what bothers me is, I don't have that '57 Women's Voices record! Did I lose it? Did I ever have it? How would I play it if I did? What a treasure! What a delight the whole trip was. The contributions of song, rhyme, piano, stories, memories, learning, observing, absorbing, and laughter—from giggles to out-of-control hysteria—all wonderful. An overload of the senses, which has provided memories to savor and a new and continuing thirst for more knowledge about China."

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Barbara Bang Knowles is still director for research and training of the Jackson Laboratory. She's also codirector of the interesting new Institute for Molecular Biophysics at the Univ. of Maine, Jackson Lab, and the Maine Medical Center Research Institute. "Having fun, living in a really beautiful part of the world. Come visit!" ✳ **Grace Warder Harde** moved to Plainfield, N.H., "to be closer to the newly formed Aidron Duckworth Art Museum, a public nonprofit trust and 'classy' small museum of modern art works of Aidron Duckworth. Come visit!" ✳ **James Eppes** writes: "We are still fixing up an old house to sell this fall/winter." ✳ **Shirley Whitney Juneo** and husband Bob met with John and Bonnie McCardell at a Midd alumni gathering at the University Club in Sarasota, Fla., last January. The Juneos have the best of both worlds, living in Venice, Fla., for six months of the year and Lake Dunmore, Vt., the other six months. ✳ **Velma Rice** writes that "50 has a certain mind-set: 50-year reunion out of high school, 50+4 Midd reunion, *and* I wish I were 50 again!" ✳ **Sandy Van Zandt** was setting off in June for a North Atlantic voyage to Ireland. Wife Sidney was staying home to be near her mother, who was turning 99 in August. But she was joining him in Ireland for a cruise around the west side of the Emerald Isle or into the Irish Sea south of Scotland. They will leave their 38-foot cutter (which Sandy designed and built in the early 1980s) in Dublin for the winter, with plans to cruise the Orkneys and Shetland islands in Scotland and continue to Norway next summer. Sandy and Sidney are both members of the Ocean Cruising Club, whose membership requires a sailor to log at least 1,000 miles port to port.

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REUNION CLASS

Retiring Class Secretaries Smith and Woodworth report: Our 45th has come and gone, but what a grand weekend it was! Seventy classmates and guests were housed in LaForce, one of the newest Commons, with each suite consisting of four bedrooms, a lounge, kitchen area, and bathroom. A far cry from residential living in the '50s! Food was plentiful! Friday night dinner at Kirk—with guests Professors Clagett, Ballou, and Tillinghast—allowed for recalled memories and shared experiences. We were also regaled by the duo of **Bob Luce** and **Bob W. Ray**, with their

Conventional Wisdom

VETERAN POLITICAL JOURNALIST **WALTER MEARS '57** came out of retirement to author a blog for the Associated Press at both the Democratic and Republican National Conventions. He spoke with *Middlebury Magazine* about the blogging phenomenon and its place in journalism.

Political journalists Jack Germond and R. W. Apple were recently featured looking over the shoulder of blogger Wonkette on the cover of the* New York Times Magazine. *A sign of our times, I guess. What were your thoughts on this?

They couldn't have paid me enough to be in that picture. That suggests that Wonkette somehow has something to do with journalism, which she doesn't. She is a sensationalist, cashing in on her sex life and then gossip on Capitol Hill. I know Jack and Johnny well, but nobody could have convinced me to be in their company in that pose. I just thought it was kind of an odd combination for those guys to participate in.

What brought you out of retirement to blog at the political conventions?

Well the AP asked me to do it. I missed what I did, and I didn't like being on the sideline in my first presidential campaign in 24 years. When they asked me to cover the conventions for the AP in a new way, it got me off the bench and back into the game. But our AP blog was not comparable to most of what is considered blogging because it wasn't personal opinion—it still adhered to the rules that we at the AP have always adhered to. We kept our opinions out of it.

I had an interesting experience in Boston. The people organizing the convention asked me to speak to the 120 or so people that they credentialed as bloggers. Well, I went there to speak to them and was presided by a long series of people who kept saying that traditional media is out of touch. I stood up then and said, "I am the established media personified, and I am here to say that there is a lot that we can learn from you guys, but boy is there a lot you can learn from us. If you want to be believed you need to follow some of the rules."

Do you read blogs?

I look at them, but I don't pay a lot of attention. Nobody can tell you what one is, because it is whatever you want it to be. So yeah, I look at some of them, but not at the diaries and the hired space. I really don't care what somebody with an ax to grind thinks about the presidential campaign. I can find that out in any bar in the country.

unique version of 'organ' music! A magnificent sunset concluded the evening. Saturday was busy with the **Barry Croland**-led golf outing, the **'Bick' Bicknell**-led hike to Silver Lake, lunch in the tent next to the new library, a new library tour, thought-provoking continuing ed talks (by Felix Rohatyn '49, Ellis Robinson '74, Prof. John Hunisak, and Prof. Eric Davis), class pictures, a reunion parade, and reunion convocation, with President McCardell giving a stirring, final convocation talk. A speech not to be forgotten! The ever-popular class social hours and banquet under the tents at Battell, where lobster was king, and fireworks, made a fitting ending to a fun-filled day! Sunday morning chapel service saw five members of our class singing in the Alumni Choir: **Granthia Lavery Preston, Nancy Frame Sveden, Ellie Bliss, Fred Swan** (and wife Pat), and **Don Woodworth**. A class brunch at Ross Commons—with Prof. Dave Littlefield and wife Jean as guests—followed by the election of class officers, and another library tour, concluded the weekend. ✳ In other news, **Russ Miller** was unable to make the 45th, but hopes to make the 50th in 2009. ✳ **Lew Parker** is still enjoying semi-retirement: "Barb and I had a great time on a couple of cruises to Bermuda, where we honeymooned 42 years ago! Our greatest joy is living in the same town with our two daughters and their families, which includes six grandchildren (6 mos. to 18 years). We're avid fans at all their sporting events. Get back to Midd every September for the Gordie Perine '49 Golf Tournament with my two sons-in-law and John Hammond '56. Hope all is well with my classmates of '59. ✳ **Stephen Cohen** continues as chief of urology at Sinai Hospital in Baltimore. Their three grandchildren range from age one to four years. "Spending several winter weeks at vacation home in Naples, Fla., and learning to be more in-my-moment with each passing year." ✳ Unfortunately, **John Hubbell** had to miss reunion, which he was counting on attending. But the good news is that he hoped to be fully recovered by late June from a 10-month bout with lung cancer. Son Chris is a sophomore at Dennison Univ. and daughter Eliot is a sophomore at the Millbrook School. ✳ **Bob** and **Susan Jane Chapman Hansen** have been living on Cape Cod for six years (King's Way in Yarmouth Port). They plan to move to Winslowe's View in the Pine Hills this fall. Granddaughter Rose Elizabeth Hansen (child of son Rob Hansen '90 and his wife) arrived in August 2003. ✳ **Carolyn Parks Behr** and Anne Villalon Speyer '71 were recently inducted into the Wall of Recognition for Mount Greylock Regional High School in Williamstown, Mass. The Wall recognizes individuals who have made significant and enduring contributions to the life of the school during its 43-year history. Anne was a long-time English teacher; Carolyn served on the school board for nearly 14 years. ✳ Here are the class officers for the next five years: Copresidents, **Noelle Caseley Locke** and **Dave Riccio**; class secretaries, **Lucy Paine Kezar** and **Bill Hussey**; class head agents, **Cynthia Haver Rigas** and **Bob Luce**; 50th Reunion chairs, **Carolyn Parks Behr** and **Pete Erbe**; appointed Cane Society reps, **Granthia Lavery Preston** and **Renwick Curry**. Let's really push for 100 percent attendance at our 50th! We all know classmates who weren't at our 45th, so each one of us needs to contact them. **Ilse Benzien van der Bent** has encouraged and exhorted all of us to send her our e-mail addresses, and there will be a new Web site available, which should help in our efforts to stay in touch! Let's make our 50th

Joel Najman '66 was inducted into the Vermont Association of Broadcasters Hall of Fame in May.

Reunion one not to be forgotten! To all my classmates: Be well, do good work, and KEEP IN TOUCH!

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Since Bert and **Ginger Kinghorn Work** like warm weather, they have decided to spend eight months in Puerto Rico and four in Cushing, Maine. They were planning a sailing vacation in the Caribbean: "Put me on a boat and you can take me almost anywhere," writes Ginger. They spent Thanksgiving with **Dottie Cattelle** in Brunswick, Maine, after Dottie had arthroscopic surgery on her knee. They visited again in June. ✳ **Caroline Vinciguerra Cassels**, the manager of finance for Chester County, Pa., is also on the board of the local art association, plays golf, belongs to book clubs, and spends as much time as she can with her five grandchildren. This summer the entire family vacationed by the ocean. ✳ **Mary Jane Bliss Swanson** (Raymond, Maine) spent a quiet winter, while hubby John recovered from a heart event. In April they visited daughter Leslie '84 in Tucson and toured the national parks and monuments in northern Arizona and Utah. Mary Jane, who believes that mentoring is a vital link to the healthy future of our society, has spent three years mentoring a young girl. ✳ **Adela Kotula Boyd** (Lafayette, Calif.) reports that she plays golf, and they enjoy their cabin in the Sierras. In May they visited London and Cornwall when the rhododendron gardens were in full bloom. Her college roommate, **Jeanne Stratton**, came for a visit in August. ✳ **Patricia Johnson Gallman** (New Bern, N.C.) is caring for her grandchildren on weekends. She says she's keeping up with them—maybe a step or two behind. She keeps in touch with **Janie Cain Bell** and hears from **Sherry Bushnell Kingsley** at Christmas. Other plans included a family time-share in Virginia and a visit with family in Maine. ✳ Secretary **Jean Seeler** and significant other Dave Gifford visited briefly with **Linda Sharp Cooper** and hubby Dick Hevly in Flagstaff, Ariz. Lin and Dick have a gorgeous view of the San Francisco Peaks from the hot tub on their deck. Both retired from NAU, Flagstaff, Lin and Dick are friends with Earle '59 and Betty Layer Hoyt '59, also retired from NAU. ✳ **Dave Klock** (Wallingford, Vt.) benefits regularly from the low prices for first-rate performances at the Middlebury Center for the Arts. Teaching clarinet and performing both voice and clarinet have been his main focus since retiring eight years ago. One clarinet student is now at Eastman; another, who made first clarinet in the all-New England High School Orchestra this year as a 10th grader, paired with Dave in the clarinet section of an orchestra of Vermont musicians in a Rutland performance of Beethoven's 6th Symphony. ✳ Writing from Craftsbury Common in Vermont's Northeast Kingdom, **Tim Smith** reports that he survives with his garden, eight cords of wood per year, four old cars (cheaper than new ones), a little sailboat and, best of all, new, younger friends. He and Ann have family scattered around the globe, from New Mexico to Norway. ✳ **Dick Sacco** (kamp7@earthlink.net) spends the winter in Mission Bay in San Diego, Calif. In March their motorhome heads north up the California coast to Oregon, Washington, and British Columbia. They recently visited with **Peter** and Kerry Reilly '62 **Ingold** on Vancouver Island. They spend June to August as volunteer docents at Founders Grove in the Rockefeller Forest of Humbolt Redwood State Park. "Biking to work on the Avenue of the Giants," says Dick, "through this 10,000-acre stand of titans is enough to blow you away." ✳ **Lee Farnham** (West Trenton, N.J.) is a financial adviser with Wachovia Securities in Princeton, N.J. Wife Ann is a landscape architect with her own business, Great Gardens. Lee plays tennis consistently. His USTA league team was undefeated and looking forward to the postseason, maybe even the Nationals. Lee is secretary of the Ewing Township Environmental Commission, trying to find a balance between development and leaving things as they are. Lee keeps in e-mail contact with **Bruce Richards** and Stu Purdy '59. ✳ **Judy Falby Tuttle** has joined an amateur ballroom dancing team and is doing some competitive dancing. ✳ **Sally Giguere Giglio** reports "many trips, cruises, and two new grandsons this year. Still love sailing and skiing. Our home base continues to be Amherst, Mass., although we tend to be off on adventures half the time." ✳ **John Turner** (Saratoga, Calif.) retired July 1 from Cordis Neurovascular. Congratulate him at jaunty1@comcast.net. ✳ Our 45th Reunion is June 3-5, 2005. Put it on your calendar NOW. Please send me (Jean Seeler) an e-mail so I can create and distribute a current e-mail list.

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Harvey Gray is again a catalyst in planning a second Middlebury College Alumni Ski Week in Sun Valley, Idaho. Save the dates of March 5-12, 2005. The first ski week attracted over 100 alums and demand has been increasing to do it again. The class of '61 is a leading contributor of slashing, dashing, bon vivants who keep their headlights pointing down the fall line, their knees bent, and are rumored to throw in an occasional yard sale of spectacular dimensions. Let's keep that tradition going and hold a mini-reunion of '61ers that week. Come join us for a fun-filled time. Contact Harvey at vtnonres@msn.com for full information. He has arranged great discounts for lodging and ski tickets, if you make timely reservations. ✳ **Bert "Zip" Vonderahe** and his family vacationed on Amelia Island in April and ran into Eric "Hugo" Green '62, who owns a house there. They spotted each other on the beach because they were both wearing Midd hats! They promptly spent most of one night catching up on events of the past 40 years.

Both are blessed with good health, and they each thought the other looked great. ✳ Mary and **Lee Kaufman** spent last winter in Dillon, Colo.: "We were close to two of our three kids and our first grandchild. Skied a lot. Raced in masters races and in general had a great year. Back in Montana for the summer." ✳ Susan and I had the great pleasure of visiting **Jane** and **Tim Moore** for a day and a half in late June in Carbondale, Colo. They have built a new home in the hills on the north side of the valley which leads to Aspen and have postcard views of Mt. Sophis, the Maroon Bells, and the ski areas which make up the Aspen complex. We spent a day hiking around Marble, Colo., the site of Colorado's lone marble mine. The pure white marble in all the crosses in military cemetaries throughout the world comes from Marble, as does the tomb of the unknown soldier in Washington. Tim and Jane are as robust as ever, and we swapped stories of grandkids, Midd, and other experiences. We also heard of golf exploits that rival any fisherman's stories, generated from a trip Tim took with **Harvey Gray** and **Tee Newsom** to St. George, Utah. ✳ Susan and I also had the pleasure of hosting **Jeff Foran** on the Vineyard in early August, when Jeff was traveling through the East to see his mother in Northhampton, Mass., and friends on the Cape. While Jeff has retired from his formal consulting business, he is busier than ever teaching a class at Stanford Business School and informally consulting in two startup businesses and other ventures. His kids are all fine and doing well. ✳ Friends of **Sophia Healey** have published *Ur-Poems*, a volume comprised of poems (in German) that she had originally sent as e-mails to friends. In an afterword, Gudrun Brug writes: "Just as her wire sculptures are strings she offers us to play with, in her texts she strokes the string of language and makes its belly resound." Novelist, painter and sculptor, drawing teacher, mathematician, Sophia is the author of *Lone Stars, The Parallel World, The Robber Girl, The Spring Shower,* and *The Body of a Fish.* The manuscripts of Gudrun Brug are collected in the Abernethy Collection at Middlebury; Sophia's volume of poems has been given to Special Collec-tions. ✳ Please forward me information about your recent adventures, life, kids, and any reunions with classmates as we head towards our 45th in 2006!

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Jim Warburton has moved into his new home in Gaucin, Spain. He's teaching Spanish to English folks who flock to the area. As for me (**Bill Dalsimer**), I flew across the country last week in a single engine plane with stops in Flint, Mich., seeking Michael Moore (unsuccessful), Buffalo, Minnesota, Jackson Hole (Wyo.), and Palo Alto. The view of the country at 12,000 feet—often less than 5,000 feet above the land—is very intimate. We are such a rural country. After all these years in NYC, I thought the rest of the country was just like us. Wrong. ✳ Now "retired" from the health club business, **Jane MacFarlane** is an independent distributor for a food science company called Reliv. She works from home and also tutors English. She and husband Dick Smith participate in plenty of theatre. They note "lots of Midd Kids in the D.C. area!" Jane reports six grandkids! ✳ After living at the New Jersey shore for 28 years, **Jane Thomas Warren** has resettled in the Philadelphia suburb of Wynnewood, Pa. "I apprenticed for this major upheaval by dealing with all of my 89-year-old mother's belongings, when she moved from New Jersey to Illinois in 2003, and by packing everything in daughter Heidi's Philly apartment when she bought a house a year ago. My own move was in two stages, to a rental house in this area in late February and into my very own place in early June. I'm very happy with my new location, because I have a park right beyond my back fence and a terrific neighborhood, where I can do most errands by bike or on foot. I have many friends and family connections. I also have plenty of space for guests (in case of visits by son Mike and his wife and two daughters), so if you're passing through or just feel like saying hello from wherever, please write me at jtwarren@dca.net. I love reconnecting with old friends. So what am I doing here? After all this transition time, I anticipate a return to travel, photography, and sculpture, too long set aside because of other priorities. ✳ With deep sadness, **Wendy Wardwell Hathaway** reports the death of her husband, Jim, in June 2003. After 34 years of teaching elementary school, Wendy retired in June 2002. ✳ I (**Liza Dunphy Fischer**) have been exploring the environs of North Carolina recently, and have had several delightful evenings with **Jane Volland** and her husband. In June I went to Beijing with my husband where he attended a meeting to interact with the Chinese on how to deal with environmental contamination problems. I was most impressed by a young woman from the National Academy of Sciences who had refreshed her Chinese speaking skills and was fantastic in coordinating communication at the meeting. Guess where she went to college? Laura Santini Holliday, Middlebury '95! Another woman from NAS, when she heard I graduated in '62 said, "I went to high school with **Barbara Buchanan**." It took us both back to that sad week of losing Barbara before graduation. ✳ **Susie Stevens McKibben** writes: "We've been enjoying working about the place and relaxing after a crazy winter of kitchen remodeling in Vermont and a great tip to France in March/April. When we were in France, we were in Haute-Savoie visiting Al's ('63) son Glen and his wife Raphaele and their new son Noah. They live in Cerciera, a tiny town about half way between Annecy and Geneva. Annecy sits on a gorgeous lake of the same name, with mountains on both sides. Hiking, skiing, parasailing, Chateaus all abound! It's very accommodating of them to live in an area which is so beautiful. We look forward to going back again next year, probably on the way to Italy!"

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After 37 years with Smurfit-Stone Container Corp., **LeRoy Crocker** has retired and is living on Dataw Island in South Carolina: "My wife, Carol, and I are looking forward to playing a lot of tennis and golf, enjoying the water on our boat, and spending more time with our children and grandchildren." ✳ Now living in Steamboat Springs, Colo., **David Howell** spends his time "skiing, writing, biking and hiking—in that order. I didn't know that skiing could be that good on a daily basis." ✳ Retired ophthalmic surgeon **Alan H. Manas**, MD, reports that "active retirement is great. Live on our Montana ranch. Work as fly-fishing guide and train German Wirehair Pointers." ✳ **Janet MacLaughlin Hooper** is still working as an oncology and hospice nurse at her local hospital: "Enjoy rural life, dirt digging, hiking, et al, plus trying to challenge the current reigning powers!" ✳ **Rick Dauer** has retired, after spending 40 years in private school teaching. The Williams School honored him in his preferred style last spring, "with a picnic and baseball game matching alums v. teachers." Rick has accepted a position to teach a couple of courses at Springfield (Mass.) College, where he is "finally putting my Ph.D. in history to good use." He's also going to complete his book on Cold War foreign policy. He and his wife bought a condo in western North Carolina (Hendersonville) and spent most of the summer getting it ready for "full-time living when we completely retire in three years. Although I have a heart condition, my health is reasonable, although my doctor ordered an end to my running and baseball activities. I will spend more of my time volunteering in my community, especially with respect to my church and my library (I am treasurer of the library board of trustees). Life is still good, although it is difficult to admit to myself, as well as others, that I am no longer a young adult!" ✳ **David Hanscom** was presented with the 2004 Philip and Miriam Perlman Award in April. The award honors those who have made outstanding contributions to the Univ. of Utah School of Computing, through student advising and counseling. Dave continues to spend almost half of his time at the university advising and counseling students, a responsibility he has assumed for 22 years.

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Fifty members of the Class of 1964 attended our 40th Reunion at Middlebury on the weekend of June 4-6. Distinguishing our class were our royal blue Woody Jackson memento tee-shirts, which stand out in our class picture, available to all through the alumni office. Class members came from all corners of the U.S. To mention a few, **Debbie Gillette Law** again made the trip from Ketchum, Idaho, with husband Bob, who had just attended his 50th Reunion at MIT. **Dorothea Ells Jurgenson** and family came from Denver, Iowa, while **Alice Taliak Imbur** and husband Donald made the trek from Heathsville, Va., and **Stephen** and Linda Buehl '65 **Brown** came all the way from Fayetteville, N.C., where Steve is an intelligence research specialist with the U.S. Army. Also from the Tar Heel State, **Gordie** and **Cindy Petersen Bingham** made the journey north to Vermont. **Norm** and **Susie Camden Kalat** traveled from Santa Fe, N.M. Norm is retired and looking forward to collecting social security later this year. **Fred Strife** came from Cincinnati, where he and his wife are both pediatricians. Fred and five other former Deke's got updates from **Will Wendell**. **Doug Platt** traveled from Minneapolis, Minn., while **Chuck Larsen** came from the Toronto, Canada, vicinity. **Reid Johnson**, retired Dayton Hudson and Target Stores executive, and wife Susan trekked up from Orchid, Fla. Bill '65 and **Pam Nottage Mueller** came from Contoocook, N.H. Pam recently released a book based on her doctoral thesis, entitled *Lifers: Learning from At-Risk Adolescent Readers*, which can be ordered through Amazon.com. **Louise Gulick Van Winkle** attend-

ed with husband Davis '63 and was joined by brother-in-law **Keith Van Winkle. Debbie Crehan Andrews** came from Newry, Maine. From Massachusetts came **Perry** and **Susie Easton Hanson**, **Thad** and **Patience Kenny Jackson**, and **Cynthia Poltrack Skinner.** From the D.C. area came **Nancy Perry** (who was hampered throughout the weekend with laryngitis), **Terry Colvin** and wife Tammy, and **Bob Baskin**. Vermonters **Tom Koch** and wife Sally were there. As a member of the Vermont legislature, Tom heads a health committee that recently discharged a bill (that had been held up in committee for two years) allowing the use of marijuana for medicinal purposes, under strict guidelines. It is now state law. Tom reports that **Tim Hayward** and **Wibs McLain** are still major forces in the administration of Vermont Governor Jim Douglas '72. Another notable Vermonter, **Bob Skiff**, attended with wife Marjorie. He and his son are nurturing the growth of a private middle school they founded in the Burlington area. From Danby, Vt., came **Carol Oliver Wehner**, who recently retired from 34 years of teaching. Will '65 and **Lynn Webster Nalchjian** still reside in South Burlington, where Will is a longtime Vermont banking executive. **Liane Bicknell Barrera** had the shortest trip back. A Middlebury native, Liane still resides in town with husband John, who has a law practice there. Although **Claire Waterhouse Gargalli** (a College trustee emerita) did not attend reunion, she was awarded an honorary doctoral degree at Middlebury at this year's commencement, for her distinguished contributions to the College. **Bill Kieffer**, our other active class College trustee, attended reunion. Bill, who recently bought a home in Palm Springs, Calif., was part of the search effort that chose Ron Liebowitz as the new president of Middlebury College. **Sam Gordon**, reunion gift committee cochair, is still a part of New York's investment banking community. Trumpeter **Bob Seeley** and trombonist George Voland '66 provided an enjoyable Friday evening's swinging and lyrical jazz session at McCullough Student Center. **Jane Bowditch Holtz**, who teaches kindergarten in West Hartford, Conn., came with husband Steve '62. **Judy Cooper Parker** attended with husband Lou '62, an allergy specialist in the Hartford, Conn., area. Also from Connecticut, **Jean Blanchette St. Clair**, our class agent, came with husband Joseph, a veterinarian in Southington. **Kelly Paullin Will** from Hartford, **Michael Heaney** (a history prof. at Trinity College in Hartford), **Sue Kintner** from Westport, **David Holmes** (soon to retire as headmaster of Suffield Academy), and **John Vecchiolla** from Greenwich. The New York group included **Carl Young** and wife Sil (Binghamton), **Jim Doane** (an economic consultant, specializing in restructured wholesale markets for electricity, Liverpool), **Roger Simon** (still involved in the New York theater), and potter **Peter Gerbic** (Middlesex). Peter was scheduled to travel to Southeast Asia, where he planned to visit Indonesia and Vietnam with his daughter. ✷ **Kit Telfair Wright** missed reunion because she had to make a choice and her grandson won out. Kit anticipates attending our 45th: "By then I can go anywhere I want at any time and not worry about vacation time!" ✷ In other news, **Karin Swanson** is living in the mid-coast area of Maine near the Sheepscot River. She and her son are designing and building houses—one at a time—in nearby Wiscasset. Her daughters and their families live nearby. Husband Sam Low is a journalist. "Life is good!" ✷ **Charles Gibbons** says, "I'm on my fifth retirement, but none has lasted for more than a couple of weeks. We recently returned from France and the UK, where we vacationed with our two older boys and their wives. We're renovating our house in Vermont (Mad River area), as we begin to consider more permanent retirement." ✷ **Marian Demas Baade**, who attended reunion with husband Martin, has agreed to serve as co-secretary for our class this term. So send your news to Marian or John!

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We were very sorry to learn of the death of **Tom Fisher** on April 8. **Jim Murdoch** received the news from Dick Wien '66 that Tom had died of lung cancer. A member of Chi Psi, Tom will always be remembered for his heroic efforts on behalf of Viet Nam war refugees, particularly children. Described by his brother, Chip '62, as "a totally selfless guy," Tom leaves wife Thuy, several children, and son Nick by an earlier marriage. After Viet Nam, Tom and Thuy returned to Middlebury, where he worked in Vermont's Department of Employment and Training. He was buried in Malden, Mass., where he had lived for a number of years. Tom started with the Class of 1965, and received his degree in economic with high honors in 1968. ✷ Tributes to **Les Di Cicco** continue to arrive. The latest is from **Andrew Marks**: "Les and I shared the same hallway in Hepburn our freshman year. That was quite a crew. My memory goes back to **Danny Bouchara, Pete Koedt**, and **Stan Kemmerer**. And there was Les Di Cicco, the sweetest bear of a man you'll ever meet. Les was about three feet across, with hair on his chest and back, a beast with a Boston accent. Les never harmed a fly. A kind and bright man, Les was a true gentleman, and the remaining feeling of affection I feel for him was that he was a friend. He is remembered and missed." ✷ **Stan Kemmerer** writes that he "completed a six-year association with Trinity Episcopal Church, Collinsville, Conn., in June, the last two years as pastoral associate. Enjoying my role as a corporator of Hartford Seminary. Delighted to renew acquaintances with classmate **Cathy Scimeca Roskam** and to see her 'at work' in her position as Bishop Suffragan of New York at the principle service Easter at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine. Completed 20 years as VP of the international outplacement consulting firm, Challenger, Gray & Christmas, Inc., in January." Stan was looking forward to his fourth Alumni College in September. ✷ **Norm Lowe** recently left his work of over 20 years and is selling residential real estate for Corcoran Group in Bridgehampton, N.Y. Norms reports he "will not miss road warrioring!" **Bonnie Trompeter Lowe** is still modeling, substance-abuse counseling, and volunteering, so NYC is still part of her life. "After selling Bonnie's Quogue home of 30 years, we're living in Sagaponack and loving it!" ✷ **Donald Lund** is "happily protected from the 'Madding Crowd' in the hub of New Hampshire. Quietude and solitude allow study of crowd behavior from afar, without being part of the tumult." Don is a research associate prof. at the Univ. of N.H. in the Institute for Policy and Social Science Research. ✷ **John Riker** served as the Kohut Distinguished Prof. at the Univ. of Chicago during fall of 2003. He returned to his normal "professor duties" at Colorado College in the spring. ✷ **Bonnie Garr** retired from the Chicago public schools in January 2004. "After a seemingly *endless* chore of packing up my Chicago house, I moved to Santa Fe, N.M. I have a beautiful strawbale construction home (and I don't need anymore Three Little Pigs jokes) on over 12 acres of rolling pinion juniper and cactus-covered land. I recommend retirement highly!" ✷ **Mary Wilson** wrote in spring, when she and fiancé Ric were just completing a North Atlantic crossing: "I did about a quarter of it with him. Next month we celebrate my mom's 100th birthday (she still lives with me). Next fall we'll stay north and I'll be teaching law courses to paralegal and criminal justice students, and then we'll be in Ft. Myers, Fl., in the spring. Come visit!" ✷ **Paul Witteman** reports that wife Ellie Magrath "has started a publishing imprint, the first title of which is a terrific novel, *Enter Sandman*. It's written by her former assistant at *Self* magazine, who, sadly, is dying of cancer at the age of 32. I continue to try to perfect the art of the nap, which drives Ellie and our 11-year-old, Kate, crazy. The dog, however, is quite supportive."

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Joel Najman (myplace@vpr.net) was inducted into the Vermont Association of Broadcaster's Hall of Fame in May. Joel has hosted the popular weekly pop music retrospective *My Place* for nearly 20 years. After beginning his broadcasting career at Middlebury, Joel was news director for WDEV in Waterbury for many years. He currently hosts the morning program on WVAA-AM 1390 in Burlington. ✷ **Carol Swanson Wright** reports that son David Wright and his wife, Liva Andrejeva, were competing at the United States Amateur Ballroom Dance Association national competition in St. Paul, Minn., on August 13-15. Needless to say, Carol and John planned to be there! David is a Ph.D. candidate in physics at Wesleyan Univ., while his wife is a resident radiologist at Bay State Hospital in Springfield. They were married two years ago at Yale's Dwight Chapel. ✷ After 33 years teaching economics at Quinsigamond Community College in Massachusetts, **Pete Penndorf** and wife Donna have moved to Stowe, Vt., where they expect to be skiing "well over the magic 100 days per season." ✷ On June 15, the Rev. **Robert Palin** joined St. Paul's United Church of Christ in Exton, Pa., as interim pastor. Robert's wife, Carol, is a broker and paralegal. According to a local newspaper report, Robert is into physical fitness, theater, movies, and reading. An avid classical pianist, he is sharing his Steinway seven-foot grand with the St. Paul's congregation. ✷ April was a good time for a two-week tour of Greece and several of its islands, report **Cathy Zawistoski Sampson** and **Judy Markland.** Their primary guide was an archeologist who spoke five languages and was learning Japanese to prepare herself to guide visitors from Japan during the summer Olympics. Highlights of the tour included visits to Sparta, Olympia, the Oracle at Delphi, and the archeological site of Ephesus in Turkey. On their final evening in Athens, the group had dinner at the home of a young Greek family. Cathy was impressed that the couple's children, like many of their peers, study a second language (usually English, Spanish, and French) after school each day. The tour ended with a group photo at the new Olympic stadium. ✷ **Don Synder** writes that life is great in Minnesota,

especially in the summer. In June, he ran in "Grandma's Marathon" in Duluth. "It went well," he says. It was the 10th marathon he'd run in the past seven years. "I started running them because our girls were, and I told them, 'I can do that, too!'" Don continues to enjoy his job with the city of Minneapolis and plans to continue for at least three more years. "Other than the running," he says, "I keep busy with refereeing soccer, gardening, and biking (spring, summer, and fall), skiing and traveling (winter), and baking bread (year-round)." Last February Don and wife Barbara took a cruise that included stops in Central America, plus going through the Panama Canal—"a great experience for a geography major!" ✷ **Francine Clark Page** and husband Richard celebrated the marriage of their elder daughter, Elizabeth '95, to Dmitri Calvert of Taos, N.M., in early July. The Vermont weather was at its best for an outdoor wedding (a variety called a *hand fasting*) and reception. The event took place in a large meadow across the road from the summer cottage where the Clark family has spent their summers for over 50 years—without central heating and indoor plumbing until last October. With these giant improvements in place, the week before the wedding was filled with hours of pleasant conversation and cooperatively prepared meals for an ever-changing mix of family, friends, and new acquaintances soon to be family. Swimming, boating, volleyball, and croquet fit in easily among last minute errands. It was a happy time.

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Congratulations to **Tiger Bethke** for being awarded a North Country Citation by the Adirondack Folklore Museum, headquartered in Canton, N.Y. **Tom** and **Susan Davis Patterson** were proud to see his plaque on the wall when visiting Tom's hometown in May. ✷ **Ted Butler**'s daughter, Jean, was captain of the Midd Women's Hockey team last year. As I'm sure you remember, the team won the NCAA championship. Ted reports: "We have seen a lot of Middlebury these last four years." ✷ A very affable and fit group of classmates gathered at Dancing Pines, the Davis-Patterson camp on Lake Dunmore, for a summer afternoon and evening of kayaking, sailing, skiing, swimming, eating, and visiting. The outing coalesced around a visit by **Susan Schweickert Macy** with freshman roomie Susie Davis Patterson. Other friends included **Carol Conklin Wheelock**, Bill and **Sue Rugg Parmenter, Helen Martin Whyte, Freddie Mahlmann** and partner Bob Cook (of Mad River and Stowe fame), **Margot Childs Cheel** and friend George Weber, and **Linda Morse** and *husband* Tim Caulfield. That's right. After 12 years of bliss, they are now in wedded bliss, having married in the backyard of their Vermont home in Randolph on July 1, 2004. Linda says they are the ultimate "late bloomers." They are in the process of transitioning to retirement in Vermont from California over the next couple of years. We had great fun toasting and teasing them as well as Margot and George, who earned the sobriquet "here comes purple" on an Appalachian Mountain Service Project in June. As chaperones, they carefully instructed the female teenagers to stay put in the red sleeping room and the boy teens to stay in the blue, but the kids put two and two together pretty quick. ✷ **Dee Martin Montgomery** missed our lake gathering, because she and Bob were late coming back from their camp in Maine. Dee suffered a stroke on February 1, 2004, but she has made a remarkable comeback, regaining her speech and mobility. We all wish her continued gains in strength and health. ✷ **Barry** and **Laraine Dunn Kasprow** continue their retirement at the Delaware seashore. They now have two grandsons—Sammy (3) and Lucas (1). Daughter Dawn is a soprano in the U.S. Army Soldiers Chorus. She sang at the National Cathedral for President Reagan's funeral. Barry and Laraine would love to hear from classmates at barry12685@aol.com. ✷ Please note that **Alex Taylor** has a new address.

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When the 2004 Emmy awards were announced in July, **Dan Curry** received two nominations—his 14th and 15th (including six wins)—for Best Visual Effects for two different episodes of *Star Trek Enterprise*. ✷ According to the *St. Petersburg Times*, **Christopher D'Elia** became the assistant VP for research and community partnerships at the Univ. of South Florida, St. Petersburg, on September 1. Chris is known for his work on coastal, tropical, and subtropical ecology. At the Univ. of Albany in New York's state university system, Chris held a joint appointment as a prof. of biology and public administration and policy. In Florida, he will be responsible for identifying new research priorities. ✷ **Greenfield Sluder**, of Sudbury, Mass., is a prof. of cell biology at the Univ. of Mass. Medical School. He's also codirector of the analytical and quantitative light microscopy course at the Marine Biological Lab in Woods Hole. He was recently elected to the board of trustees of the Worcester's EcoTarium (www.ecotarium.org), an indoor-outdoor museum dedicated to exploring the natural world. ✷ Congratulations to **Barb Faelten Burley** on winning second place in the Master Novice Ladies Class IV at the 2004 U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships in Lake Placid in April! You may remember seeing Barb skate in our Middlebury Winter Carnival Ice Shows. In 2001, **Julie Gratiot Peterson** and husband Dave attended U.S. Nationals with Barb and her husband, Craig, in Boston. Julie reports: "Barb hadn't skated in years, but after this event both Barb and Craig started taking skating lessons. And they're not done yet! We also attended the 2003 World Figure Skating Championships in D.C., where we met up with **Ann Masotti Hengerer** for a visit to the National Gallery and a skating practice. I also went to the 1998 World Championships in Minneapolis, where I met up with **Robbie Hamblen Popp**. I'm starting my 17th year in the editorial department of Cricket Magazine Group, and have been playing violin in the Illinois Valley Symphony Orchestra (www.ivso.org) for 30 years. But, as you can tell, I've become a big skating fan, too. My next plans are to attend 2006 Nationals in St. Louis and 2006 Worlds in Calgary. If any classmates are going, please let me know at juliep79@aol.com."

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Although family obligations prevented **Tom Shreeve** from attending our 35th Reunion, he looks forward to visiting the campus sometime soon. Tom retired from the CIA in late 1998, after a 25-year career as an intelligence analyst. He's now serving as director of the Intelligence Community Case Method Program, part of CIA University. ✷ **Alma Robinson** continues to serve as the executive director of California Lawyers for the Arts, a statewide legal services agency. She lives with husband Toye Moses in San Francisco. With their children scattered all over the country, and even the world, they're experiencing "the empty nest." ✷ After 11 years as general counsel at Graphic Packaging, **Jill Woodman Sisson** reports: "I took my 'package' when the company merged into Atlanta-based Riverwood Holdings. I retired for four months, traveled, sat on a beach for a month, then became general counsel for New World Restaurant Group (Einstein & Noah's Bagels, Manhattan & Chesapeake Bagels). Still based in Colorado and still running." ✷ Congratulations to **Lea Hillman Simonds** and **Mary MacArthur Wendell**, who completed their service on the Middlebury College Board of Trustees in May. Mary served as an alumni trustee from 1999 through 2004. Lea served as a term trustee from 1994 through 2004. Their distinguished service was recognized at the May board meeting.

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As the new associate dean of learning and engagement at Purdue's School of Education, **Sidney Marsh Moon** plans to reform the teacher education program from "good to great." An avid cross-country skier and hiker, Sidney owns property in Colorado, where she has scaled Longs Peak, the highest peak in the Rocky Mountain National Park. She also power walks, bikes, lifts weights, and is learning how to swim. ✷ For the past 20 years, **Frances Westley** has been a prof. in the Management School of McGill Univ., where she has been teaching and writing about strategy, particularly collaborative strategy and environmental issues. In January 2005, she and her husband will be leaving Montreal to move to Madison, Wis., where she will take up the position of director of the Nelson Institute for Environmental Studies at the Univ. of Wis. Her three daughters (24, 22, and 18) are all still in Canadian universities. ✷ **Constance Brittain Bouchard** recently published her 10th book on medieval history, *The Cartulary of Montier-en-Der, 666-1129*, (Univ. of Toronto, 2004). ✷ **Jean Rawson-Terhaar** (rawsonterhaar@aol.com) is in her 20th year with the Congressional Research Service in D.C. (part of the Library of Congress) as a specialist in agricultural policy: "The issue areas I keep Congress abreast of are agricultural research and education (federal labs and the colleges of agriculture at public universities), organic and alternative agriculture (would you believe I'm the expert on hemp as an industrial crop?), and fruits and vegetables. Who would have thought that avocadoes and apples could have issues, but they most certainly do—pertaining to food safety and fair trade and protecting U.S.-grown produce from pests and diseases that hitchhike in on imported produce, etc." Husband Allen works in the private sector, also in agriculture: "His job is promoting exports of U.S. cotton. This keeps him on the road a lot, but fortunately does not require his involvement in the smarmy business of lobbying Capitol Hill to protect the munificent government cotton subsidies."

WEDDINGS

When Nell Cross '95 and Jon Beckerman were married on May 25, 2003, their wedding party in Malibu, Calif., included '95s Rodney Rothman (sixth from right), Eva Horton Bogaty (fifth from right), and Kirsten Hanson Molz (third from right).

Mary Catherine Maxwell '00 and Adam Platt '99 were married on a hilltop farm in Weaverville, N.C. Celebrating with them on August 24, 2002, were ('99 unless noted) Alex O'Rourke, Mandy Levine '98, the newlyweds, Junaid Ziauddin, Heather Voborsky '00, (middle row) Dan Rosenfeld, Kristen Vogel, Kara Tsuboi '00, Ted Adler, Jason Wyman, Yefim Nivoro, Lauren Erardi '00, (back) Heather Crofts '00, Michael Cormier, Tom Blabey, Jason Hui, Jon McMahon, Ginette Chapman, and Andrea Hattan '00.

Following the March 20, 2004, wedding of Kristen Vogel '99 and Thomas Blabey '99 in Santa Barbara, a reception at La Cumbre Country Club brought together (all '99 unless noted) P. Jason MacMurray, Ted Adler, Adam Burns, Junaid Ziauddin, the newlyweds, Whitney Dorne, Karen Herbert, J. Robert Kerchner, Elizabeth Catone '98, and John Felton. Michael '02 and Carina Curnow Tremblay missed the photo.

Laura Lovgren and Scott Paul '96, who met and reside in London, were married in her hometown of Omaha, Neb., on April 24, 2004. Displaying the banner were the newlyweds and best man David Paul '00, (second row) Jen Burrell Stillerman '97, Daniel Bryan '98, Ashley Twyon Bryan '98, (back) Zac Stillerman '97, Stuart Salyer '96, Jeff Lindley '96, Steve Slauson '96, CJ Diamond '99, Chip Zabatta '96, and Hallie Hughes '99.

The August 30, 2003, gathering at the San Francisco Yacht Club in Belvedere, Calif., brought together several 1997s in celebration of the marriage of Christine Griffin '97 and Scott Young: Matthew Bijur, Robert Taboada, Henry Simonds, Heidi Erdmann Vance McCann, Seth Haines, the newlyweds, Jamie Cowperthwait, Alex Finkelstein, Sara Hasan Nagy, Marit Torkelsen, and Jonathan Ferrari. Cynthia Martinez '96 missed the photo.

The September 6, 2003, marriage of Alexandra Flynn '93 and David Phillips found many Middlebury friends celebrating in Hamilton, Mont.: (all '93 unless noted) (front) Jennifer Bunshoft, Karin Trujillo, Katy Strote Wright, (standing) Ninive Clements Calegari, Andrew Snow '90, Tonje Kilen Snow, father-of-the-bride John Flynn '63, the newlyweds, Ray Strong '91, Kathryn Virkler Harris, Sarah Taylor, Vendela Vida, and Ed Lovett.

After a Mead Chapel wedding on June 19, Becky Walldroff '98 and Daniel Urbano '98 smooched while friends (all '98 unless otherwise noted) struck a variety of poses: Mike Marcus '61 (behind the upside-down banner), Nicola Smith Shipman, Neal Van Hoeven, Beth Jones '99, (back) Julia Shreve Ryan, Karu Kozuma, Carla Naumburg, Josh Herzig-Marx '00, Mike Hatada, Ben Dixon, Mark Bisanzo, Emily Humphrey '00, and Chris Leatham. Justin Shipman narrowly missed the photo.

On August 31, 2002, Louise Prockter and Ben Roe '81 were married at the 11th century Binham Priory, in Binham, Norfolk, England, where the bride's parents reside. The small but very happy Middlebury contingent included Ben, Louise, best man Tom Arcidiacono '81, and Maura Flynn '79.

Gathering in Brazil on Thanksgiving week 2003 to celebrate the marriage of Fabriene Gallard and Ramiro Prudencio '87 were Rodrigo Prudencio '89, Ann Poletti '87, the bride and groom, and John Woolley '87. The wedding was held on the island of Ilhabela, off the coast of Brazil. The week included sailboat trips to remote beaches and jeep rides through the rainforest.

The marriage of Katie Bender '01 and Peter Commons '01 took place at Martha's Vineyard on June 12, 2004.

Following the Mead Chapel wedding of Jessica Silverman '00 and Robert Bryan '01 on June 19, friends gathered to celebrate at a reception at the Waybury Inn in East Middlebury: ('01 unless noted) Eric Zink '00, Alyssa Pappas Zink '00, David Paul '00, Chris Paul, Chris Cheang, David Bracken '00, Josh Gutierrez, Tim O'Keefe, Ellen Guettler, Peter Jacoby, Jeanne Restivo '99, Corey Wilk, Tim Boarini, Matt Arnould, Nick Reeb, Kelvin Roldan, Ann Einsiedler Crumb '71, Dan Bryan '98, Ashley Twyon Bryan '99, Kate Lockwood Bracken '00, Stephanie Crumb '00, Ryan Conviser '00, Lori McMahon '00, Michelle Holt '00, Jamien Richardson '00, Kate Griffiths, Leslie Fox, Jameson Tweedie, Laura Yee, the newlyweds, Brent Boscarino, Jessica Widay, Melanie Rausch, and Jason Lemire.

In order to spend more time with their high school children (and lamenting that direct parenting goes *poof* in just four years), Jean has reduced her work schedule down to 24 hours per week: "SSMT are mine, and WThF are Caesar's." Jean is writing a work of creative nonfiction on the subject of trust and would like to hear from Midd-mates who could lend guidance, either from the procedural standpoint or on content. She has also "rejoined the protest biz, attending the anti-war rally in D.C. in October 2002, and the March for Women's Lives in April 2004, which my younger daughter attended with me. These current issues relate directly to my interest in the subject of trust." ✳ **Barbara Sullivan** is dividing her time between a Hispanic outreach center in Wilmington, N.C., and being a garden writer and commentator. To research her new book, *Garden Perennials for the Coastal South* (Univ. of N.C. Press), she visited gardens and horticulture experts from northern Virginia to Jacksonville, Fla., and then across to Houston, Texas, along the Gulf Coast. After seven months on a book tour, she reports, "I even know how to improvise when the slide show on Power Point breaks down! I've also been doing a garden commentary on our local NPR affiliate for about four years. I just won a national award for that from the Garden Writers' Association of America. My husband, Michael Murchison, and I have been living in an old home in the historic district here for about 20 years. Daughter Rachel graduates from Kenyon College this year; after graduating from high school this year, son Charles will be going to the College of Charleston." ✳ For eight years, **Kelley Hunter** (kellhunter@earthlink.net) has been living in St. John, U.S. Virgin Islands, where her island neighbors (part time) include Bill Jerome '69 and Teddi Politas '69. "A few years ago, I unexpectedly encountered William Fregosi, who was an assistant drama prof. in our graduating year. I enjoy my work as an astrologer and star gazer. I am astrologer-in-residence for the Omega Institute programs in the Caribbean, as well as for the Self Centre at Caneel Bay Resort, a luxurious resort founded by the Rockefellers. For several months a year I tour the States (always stopping in Vermont) to lecture and see clients. I am invited to speak at international astrology conferences and have been a feature writer for the *International Astrologer*. Last summer I received a Ph.D. in interdisciplinary studies in philosophy, cosmology and myth from the International Program of Empresarial Univ. in Costa Rica. I considered the psychological and spiritual implications of the search for dark matter. I am turning this work into a series of books on the cosmic feminine. My drama degree continues to be meaningful as I incorporate performance art into my teaching and presentations. I enjoy swimming in the turquoise sea with the turtles, squid, and colorful fish of the Caribbean, and recently shared first place as a member of a relay team on a four-mile swim course."

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Anne Villalon Speyer and Carolyn Parks Behr '59 were recently inducted into the Wall of Recognition for the Mount Greylock Regional High School in Williamstown, Mass., where Anne was a long-time English teacher. The wall recognizes individuals who have made significant and enduring contributions to the life of the school. ✳ **Jeffrey** and **Susan Elmendorf Roberts** are living in Wisconsin in the house they built 25 years ago. Second daughter Lucy graduated from Middlebury in 2000; fourth child Mary anticipates going in February. Jeff owns and runs his own agricultural manufacturing business, Harvest Tec. He invented the agricultural "dew simulator," which has really taken over in the West. Susie is putting most of her time and energy into seventh child, Willie, who has autism. ✳ **Marilyn Thomas Devroye** writes: "My husband, Maurice Devroye, is from French-speaking Belgium; he and I met in the Middle East, married in London and for four years lived in Belgium, where our two sons were born. We have been in Summit, N.J., since 1980. After a first career in medical journalism, I longed to actually DO medicine instead of just write about it. I became a physician assistant in 1995 and have worked in community health centers in medically underserved areas in NYC and New Jersey, learning to speak Spanish along the way. Through local humanitarian organizations, I got interested in Nicaragua, visited the country twice, and now I'm involved in sponsoring a young Nicaraguan woman's medical education. With me in this venture is **Marian Glenn**, who also lives in Summit. Marian and I belong to a local feminist book group that has been going for 20 years. When we get a chance, Marian and I walk in the woods and botanize!" ✳ **Churchill Franklin** has held nearly every position of alumni leadership that is available to a Middlebury graduate, from phonathon volunteer to chair of the board of trustees. In May, as he completed his service on the board, he was honored for demonstrating "a commitment to this College that is loyal, enduring, and a model to us all of what it means to give of oneself to alma mater."

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Fujung Madeleine Li (formerly Dung Madeleine Phu) continues to work as a deputy public guardian/investigator for Santa Clara County. She would love to hear from classmates and friends at liandphu@aol.com. ✳ **Jim Douglas** gave the commencement address at St. Johnsbury Academy on June 7.

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Peter Hamlin is back at Middlebury, with a tenured position in the music department. He had previously been an associate professor of music at St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minn. ✳ **Mary Farley** has both her kids at Middlebury this year—Andrew Carnabuci is '06 and Sarah Carnabuci is '08. Mary writes, "I've become a spokesperson for the National Coalition for Women with Heart Disease (www.womenheart.org), after attending a symposium at the Mayo Clinic in October 2003. Having survived (and fully recovered from) two heart attacks, at ages 42 and 50, I realized that educating women about the risks and signals of heart problems is an important mission that I wanted to take on. Knowing and controlling risk factors—and in the case of women like myself with no risk factors, recognizing the onset of symptoms—are important for every woman, whatever her age. Work still keeps me busy, as business manager at Kunhardt Productions, the documentary film company owned by Peter Kunhardt '75, as well as lots of volunteer work." ✳ **John Bell** sent word that he's "had wonderful visits with **Tad Kline** in Boulder, Colo., and with **Chris Yano** in Boston. I'm hoping to do more puppet shows about the way things are right now, and to write more about puppet theater. Our son, Isaac (13), wants to be an artist." John and wife Trudi Cohen and Isaac performed puppet shows together last summer. ✳ **Bob Badger** is taking a year's sabbatical from teaching geology at SUNY Potsdam: "Mostly writing projects that I never have time for during the academic year, but I'm hoping to go to ANU in Australia to try a technique they've developed for dating rocks. My contact there, a friend from graduate school days, claims she can generate more

Talking about Cars and Snakes

SO IF YOU HAPPENED TO BE LISTING TO NPR'S *CAR TALK* on a Saturday in late August, you might have heard "Mike from Middlebury" explaining a particularly squirmy dilemma.

The Mike in question was none other than MIKE SCHOENFELD '73, the College's recently appointed vice president of College Advancement, and his car trouble was, indeed, "trouble."

Apparently, Mike walked out to his car one morning and discovered a snake wrapped around his steering wheel. As he made a move to corral it, the snake slithered through an opening *into* the steering column. After a particularly white-knuckled drive to the good folks at Foster Motors, Mike managed to have the snake removed. His question for Tom and Ray? How could Mike be sure there wasn't another snake (or snakes) lurking where he couldn't see?

Needless to say, the *Car Talk* guys had fun with this one. Among their suggestions: roll up all the windows and fill the car with smoke ("snakes hate smoke") and acquire a badger and have it sniff around the car.

Mike laughed, of course, but declined to follow Tom and Ray's recommended course of action. So far, no other snakes have surfaced. Stay tuned.

radiometric data in one day than I was able to do in two years working in a mass spectrometry lab in graduate school. I'm eager to place an age on the basaltic rocks I've been chasing in the Adirondacks for the past 15 years. My oldest son, a sophomore biochem major at SUNY Geneseo, worked trail maintenance on Vermont's Long Trail summer 2003; this summer he did similar work in the Jarbidge Wilderness Area of northeast Nevada. He's heading to a cooperative farm in Costa Rica in the fall, spring semester he's hoping to be in New Zealand, and summer should find him taking courses in Italy. Why didn't they have such programs when we were in school? I guess they did for languages, but certainly not in the sciences. And if I had taken a semester off, Uncle Sam surely would have sent me packing for Vietnam." ✷ **Christopher Duncan** is executive director of the Wallkill Valley Land Trust in New Paltz, N.Y. "We recently moved to a larger office and are busier with land conservation projects than we have ever been. We have received two grants for our work this year." Wife Susan continues as director of planning for HealthQuest, a hospital holding company in Poughkeepsie, N.Y. Daughter Katie has completed fourth grade; daughter Rebecca completed first grade. "They are such fun to be with and fascinating to watch grow." ✷ Last fall, **Peter Goodwin** set the courses for a successful two-day national orienteering meet in Kent, Conn., where more than 300 happy runners enjoyed the fall woods. "My young son is keeping me young by taking me down all the steepest skiing terrain that he can find, including glades. I now wear a helmet when I do that kind of skiing! Two gentle falls between trees on a double black diamond glade told me to think of my head." ✷ **Susan Crandell** surprised me with the following leap: "I just ditched my job, and made my way from the top of the masthead at *MORE* (editor-in-chief) to the bottom (contributing editor) in one fell swoop. I'm now a lowly freelance writer, tail end of the publishing food chain. The first two weeks had me wondering whether I'd made a big mistake (couldn't get my computer to work, had to clean dead leaves, dead rodents out of the studio I work in behind our house). But now interesting assignments are flowing in and, while I tackle them, I can watch the animal parade outside my sliding glass doors—turkeys gobbling in the woods, groundhogs ambling by. No more 3.5-hour commutes, no more budget meetings. My husband, Steve, just published his first book, *The Gold-Plated Porsche*, about rebuilding an old 911. Our daughter, who's an editor at *Conde Nast Traveler*, has the only day job in the family. I haven't felt like this much of a slacker—or had this much fun—since Middlebury." ✷ Yours truly has seen my play, *Fooling the Eye*, produced by New Jersey Dramatists for the Samuel French Off-Off Broadway Festival in June, and anticipated a production of a political satire called *Funny Face Pancake Place* in late summer. As I write this, I am getting ready to go to Valdez, Alaska, for the Edward Albee Last Frontier Theatre Conference where *The Miss* was selected as a semi-finalist.
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About 75 class members gathered on campus in early June for our 30th Reunion. It was a low-key affair, with plenty of time to catch up with old friends and reminisce about how things were "back in the day." ✷ Friday evening kicked off with a dinner at Roland's Place, a restaurant on Route 7 north of town. Among Saturday's on-campus highlights were a memorial service (under the direction of **Shelly Ford Moe**) to remember deceased classmates; the gathering for the class photo; a well attended workshop about ways to build nonprofit organizations, presented by **Ellis (Peggy) Robinson**, author of *The Nonprofit Membership Toolkit*; a tour of outdoor art on the campus by Prof. John Hunisak; a terrific lobster dinner on the lawn behind Battell, complete with fireworks at dusk; and dancing in McCullough and Johnson. While everyone seemed to be hale and hardy, it did seem like people went to bed earlier at this reunion than previous ones. But I (**Greg Dennis**) am happy to report that a few of us—including **Karen Massey, Mark Patinkin, David O'Connor, Susan Hong, Ellen Heising**, and the ubiquitous **Andy Jackson**—were able to stay up dancing past midnight on Saturday and helped close down Johnson. ✷ There were several notable reminders of the fabled tree house, which was built by a group of our classmates on the edge of the college golf course. During a Saturday run, **Dan Flanagan, Tucker Swan, Barry King**, and **Lauren Singer Waite** revisited the site of the tree house (which burned after we graduated) and discovered several remnants after all these years. Lauren took a remnant home for son Chris, a first-year Middlebury student. The tree house is one source of inspiration for the new David S. Stone '74 Tree House Fund. David died of a heart attack at the age of 51. At his funeral last year, a group of Middlebury friends decided to create a fund to honor David and the tree house experience shared by so many. The Fund is intended to provide the opportunity for Middlebury students to take initiative and utilize their creativity to realize like-minded dreams for the benefit of the College and community and to enrich their student experience. When registering for reunion, we were greeted by music from a CD titled *Tree House Tunes*, created by **Mike Schlegel** and donated by **Steve Janas**. The CD, including 16 classics from the late '60s and early '70s, is available for a $25 minimum donation to the Tree House Fund, through the College bookstore. (Call 802-443-5334 or order online at https://cat.middlebury.edu/newstore/catalog.) Mike (michael.schlegel@rcn.com) and other fund organizers welcome project ideas. ✷ A number of folks kicked things off early with a Thursday, pre-reunion gathering of Sluggers—members and friends of the Slug (Alpha Sigma Psi) fraternity—at **Charlie** and **Ann Williams Jackson**'s place in Shoreham, Vt. Among those remembering those famous Slug barn parties were **Karl Doerner, Art Ellison, Tim Etchells, Andy Jackson, Barry Schultz King, David Minot**, and **John Morosani**. ✷ In other news, **John "Muddy" Waters** (mudliza@comcast.net) and wife Liza have two kids in college. Willie, a junior at Bowdoin, plays on the soccer team that knocked Middlebury out of the New England tournament last year. Son Jamie is a first-year student at Colby. Daughter Jessica just graduated from Pike School, where Muddy is head of school. ✷ In Quincy, Mass., **Paul Phillips** (pablophil@aol.com) has been elected to the executive committee on the board of the Massachusetts Teachers Association. Daughter KT, a 2003 Scripps College graduate, is a Peace Corps volunteer in Madagascar. Son Evan is a sophomore at Bates. Paul reports that among his prized possessions are five guitars and an old Beemer motorcycle. ✷ **Jennie Buchanan Paretti** (jpontheweb@hotmail.com) and son Derek spent part of reunion weekend participating in the workshops for high school seniors interested in attending Middlebury. Earlier this year Jennie spent two weeks in Ireland. After teaching second grade for seven years, she's teaching gifted third graders, a program she's wanted to join for many years. ✷ **Jim Kelly** has been chosen to lead midrange and heavy-duty engine business operations for Cummins Inc. of Columbus, Ind. He served as director of personnel, director of labor relations, and plant manager, prior to being named VP and general manager. ✷ **Nancy Anderson Woodyard** was sorry to miss reunion, but enjoyed going last year and saw some '73 friends. After 23 years at IBM, she is now leading an internal professional development and communications program. Nancy and high school daughter Laura went to Nicaragua in April to help build houses. While acquiring construction skills, they learned about another culture from the inside out. Nancy reports that Chris is a junior at Colgate, and Laura joined Stanford's freshman class this fall. ✷ **David McCormick** is a scientist in the biomedical program at the Illinois Institute of Technology in Chicago. He received his master's and Ph.D. in environmental medicine/biology from NYU. Now he's on the leading edge of biomedical advances, developing anti-cancer compounds that focus on cancer. ✷ Shelburne (Vt.) resident **Kris Hardy Kenlan** spent a week at the International Wolf Center, in Ely, Minn., as a volunteer "wolf nanny" for three wolf pups. How's this for dedication? Her eight-hour shift ran from 10 P.M. to 6 A.M. Kris teaches math at Tuttle Middle School in South Burlington.
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Jeff Lindsay, who lives in south Florida with his wife and three daughters, is working on a second novel featuring Dexter Morgan, the narrator of his first novel, *Darkly Dreaming Dexter* (Doubleday, 2004). To quote the reviews: "Jeff Lindsay's *Darkly Dreaming Dexter* is a fresh, surprising, and brilliantly executed novel that is sure to receive wide acclaim." And "after finishing this debut novel, readers will have only one thing to say: wow!" And "it's been years since there's been a thriller debut as original as this one by Lindsay." Sounds like a page-turner! ✷ **Kathleen Harleman** is the new director of the Krannert Art Museum and Kinkead Pavilion at the Univ. of Ill. She has directed art museums in Washington state and Florida, as well as filling various posts at academic and public museums in Massachusetts and Ontario, Canada. Kathleen has a master's in art history (Johns Hopkins Univ., 1977) and a master's in business administration (Univ. of Ottawa, 1981). ✷ When the new Opera Company of Middlebury presented Bizet's *Carmen* in June, Carmen was played by **Meredith Parsons McComb**, who was a featured singer for many years at the Metropolitan Opera. She has sung on stages all over the world, and is featured on PBS telecasts of Wagner's Ring Cycle. She now lives on Lake George. The 90-minute adaptation was conducted by Greg Vitercik, associate prof. in Midd's music department and the company's musical director. ✷ **Bruce Moseley** spoke recently at the Hamilton (N.Y.) Rotary Club, mentioning that he majored in history and scenery design at Midd, and that he has worked many different jobs from summer farm laborer to theater work. In 1982 he moved to Hamilton, met

wife Leigh, and worked for Gallery, providing traveling art shows. In 1995 he became the executive director of the Oneida Mansion House, and now he's the associate director of corporate development for Syracuse Stage, a regional theater company. ✳ **Steve Townsend** is still living in southern New Hampshire with wife Deb and daughters Liza (17) and Alice (15). "We're excited that Liza will be a freshman at Midd this fall. She's disappointed that a meal plan at Sig Ep is not an option, but looks forward to Midd nevertheless." ✳ In June, I (**Paige McGuire**) attended a reception at the Union League in Philadelphia to honor President McCardell for his years of service to Middlebury. The event was one of many on his "farewell tour," all organized by Midd alumni clubs. I went looking for classmates and found **Dale Briliant** and **David Perlman**, both of whom looked great. It's amazing how everyone around us grows old, and we don't change a bit! Dale, who has worked for Xerox for 28 years (currently in business process sales), works and lives in center city Philadelphia. David practices commercial litigation for a small law firm in center city, and lives in Bala Cynwyd with wife Ellen, daughter Sophia (14), and twin sons Morgan and Jonathan (7). David returns to Vermont every year, while Dale and I seem to make it there only for reunions. And speaking of reunions, Midd is already gearing up with plans for our 30th Reunion in June of 2005—June 3 to 5, to be exact—so mark your calendars!

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The un-Martha approach

JESSIE STURCHIO RAYMOND '90 of Middlebury, a writer whose humor columns have appeared in print regularly for the past two years, has made the New York Times Best Seller List. Her essay, "This Home Improvement Show Is Not Ready For Prime Time" appears in the book, *Nesting: It's a Chick Thing* (Workman), which debuted in August at No. 10 on the New York Times Best Seller List. Raymond, whose columns are a regular feature of the *Addison Independent*, describes the book as "a compilation of home decorating and entertaining hints and how-tos in an 'un-Martha' way."

The book has been termed "a must book for the reader who knows that chicks rule" (*Publishers Weekly*), and "a smart and sassy compilation" (*Chicago Tribune*). More than 110,000 copies are in print. A specific list of stores (by town) where the book is available can be found at *www.workman.com*.

"It's a great honor both personally and professionally to be a part of this book," says Raymond, whose writings have also appeared in *Vermont Magazine, Pregnancy Magazine,* and in various regional newspapers as well as Web sites, including American Woman Road & Travel and iNet Vacations.

Raymond's writings offer a lighthearted, humorous look at life. Recent columns include "New Gas Grill Causes Marital Flare-Up," "Fun in the Sun is a Lot of Work," "Greenup Day Brings Me Closer to Litterbug," and "The Workout I Love to Hate." Her column, "Around The Bend," appears regularly in the *Addison Independent*.

Another of Raymond's essays, "Sleep Good, Caffeine Bad" will appear in early 2005 in the second volume of the anthology *Misadventures of Moms, Disasters of Dads* (Moms in Print). In addition to her regular humor column, she is a grammar columnist for the online writers' newsletter *The Busy Freelancer*. A Vermont resident since 1986, Raymond lives in Middlebury with her husband, Mark, and children Joe, Ethan, and Leah. She plans to work with the book's publishers to schedule book-signings for later this year. Future plans include syndication of her humor column throughout the state, and she is considering publishing a book of her own essays.

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Secretary Shapiro youthfully reports: Most of us will have turned 50 by the end of the year, a milestone that—judging by notes received from classmates—hasn't slowed anyone down. Need proof? **P. Joan Ingram Gavigan** of Catonsville, Md., is Exhibit A: "John and I got married five months after graduation, and the babies started arriving about a year later. All of our six are now over 18. Whoo-hooo! Yes! And we're still alive to enjoy it! I celebrated my big five-oh with a little bash at home and decided to take up the violin shortly thereafter. Midlife crisis? I hope so! Our family grew a few years back with the addition of a granddaughter, Madison, who is now contemplating her first year of preschool!" An attorney, Joan is "now representing children in child abuse and neglect cases. Although at times the work can be sad, for the most part it's very gratifying. One happy surprise in a particularly sad case was that the expert witness who testified about my client's injuries was Dr. Scott Krugman, Midd class of 1991. Scott is the chairman of pediatrics of Franklin Square Hospital in Baltimore, Md., and specializes in child abuse. He arrived with crime lab photos, x-rays and quite an impressive CV! What was all the more amazing is that he could even take the time to testify, given the nature of medical practice these days. His testimony has and will continue to make my client's life an entirely different story than it could have been. I hope he doesn't mind my thanks in such a public forum." ✳ According to Joan, **Vicki Baldwin** (Joan's freshman year roommate and her second daughter's godmother) has been attending Yale Divinity School. The Midd Web site has put Joan in touch with **Ann Parker Paulson, Janie Hollinshead**, and others. "Ann is doing well, living in the North Country of New York. Janie's suggestions caused me to purchase *Middlemarch*, but I haven't started it yet." ✳ **John Kramer** writes that he and Daniel McCusker were wed on June 21, 2004, outside of the City Hall in Cambridge, Mass. John and Daniel, who live in Jamaica Plain, Mass., have been partners for 23 years. They applied for their marriage license on May 17, the day it became legal to do so in the United States. ✳ After living nearly 25 years in Texas, **Lucy Call King** reports that she and her family plan to spend more time up North: "Our first-born daughter will be returning to New England this fall as a freshman at Colby. We hope to see more of ya'll." ✳ **Beryn Frank Harty** sends a postcard from Miami Beach: "Just turned 49 and husband Rick turned 53. We have the same birthday! Then we celebrated our 12th wedding anniversary on June 27. Got a new 18-foot Glastron powerboat to go with our 19-foot sailboat (a Flying Scot), so I think we've got the best of both worlds. Working too hard, but some of it's entertaining. When I have my realtor hat on, I get to show homes like that of Julio Iglesias, which my boss has listed for $32,000,000. Mere pocket change, right? And I arranged a rental for Sting when he was down here to record and give a concert. (Yes, we got comped seats.) Still living on Miami Beach and vacationing in our home on Ramrod Key (near Key West), when it's not rented during the season." ✳ Last summer, **Mark S. Gordon** moved his family—wife Meb, son Albert (8), and daughter Laura (5)—from San Francisco to McLean, Va. Mark joined a technology startup (wireless semiconductors) at Tyson's Corner, Va., as a consultant in September 2002, and later became an employee. The company was acquired by Motorola in November 2003. Mark invites visitors when you are in the area. They are listed in the phone book. ✳ **Suzanna Sherry** checks in from Nashville: "In 2002, I published my second substantive book, *Desperately Seeking Certainty: The Misguided Quest for Constitutional Foundations*. This year I published *Civil Procedure*, my third textbook for law students. Meanwhile, I'm busy teaching classes on civil procedure and federal courts, publishing articles mostly on constitutional topics, and raising two wonderful kids. Hannah (14) starts high school this fall and Josh (12) will be in seventh grade. Husband Paul Edelman has a joint appointment in the math department and the law school here at Vanderbilt and writes on a variety of topics. In a few years, we'll expect to visit Middlebury as part of our tour of colleges with Hannah."

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"Nothing like change," **Terry Baer** writes, "to keep us advancing. Jonathan convinced me to take karate with him. Although my body feels beaten down after these sessions, in general I am becoming more physically fit. Karate does not hurt the focus

either. As the final months toward my 50th approach, I am grateful for our family's good health." ✳ Images unfold underwater on film in an installation by **Laurie McLeod**, called "Waterhaven No. 1 (Luou Yong's Dream)," at the Massachusetts Museum of Contemporary Art in North Adams. On view through October, the installation is the first in a series of planned "liquid portraits," in which she hopes to distill various lives. This film was shot with a digital camera in nine feet of water in a private swimming pool in the Berkshires. Her work was described in an article in the *New York Times* (June 20), "Esther Williams, Eat Your Heart Out." ✳ "Art and history intersect at the point where people shape their environments," according to **William Hosley**, who recently gave a lecture for the St. Johnsbury (Vt.) Athenaeum to "demonstrate how art and artifacts can be used to understand historical experience, while surveying the extraordinary visual allure of history." Bill is executive director of the Antiquarian and Landmarks Society. ✳ **Betsy Barbour Hopkins** continues to work in Senegal, West Africa: "We celebrated our 20th anniversary of living here in January and our 25th wedding anniversary in December. One son is at Franklin and Marshall College, one is finishing his junior year in Dakar Academy here in Senegal. I'm currently managing a dozen language community development projects. Recently I ran into several Midd connections. It's a small world!" ✳ During his 10 years as term trustee at Middlebury, which ended in May 2004, **Frank Sesno** was very active on the student affairs and buildings and grounds committees, and had a significant impact on many recent building projects at the College. He consistently made time during his visits to campus for mentoring students as well. Frank is now professor of public policy and communication at George Mason Univ. He also produces documentaries and hosts interview programs for PBS.

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Emory Williams checked in from China a while back. He has lived in Beijing, China, for the past eight years, building a company that he started in 1996. He is also very involved with the American Chamber of Commerce in China, serving as vice-chairman this year. Emory reports that it is always interesting and challenging being in China, a bit like having it be "game day, every day." His son (6) lives with his mother in Chicago, but Emory is able to spend some quality time with him every couple of months. He bought a home in Beijing and would welcome visiting classmates to call when they are "passing through." ✳ **Heather Allport-Cahoon** writes: "The joy of the Lord continues to be my strength and song! We are serving God gladly in our new home here. I continue to minister to college students through the InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, which helped me so much when I was at Middlebury." Heather is the campus minister at SUNY Buffalo. ✳ **Kathleen Davis** has been named to the board of Union Mutual Fire Insurance Co. and New England Guaranty Insurance Co. As deputy managing partner of law firm Downs Rachlin Martin, she practices in the firm's Burlington, Vt., office. ✳ **Mark Cater** has had an exciting year—perhaps too exciting. While keeping up his NASTAR Ski Challenge ranking (#32 in the U.S.!), the old ACL gave way. While that was mending, a little motorcycle issue broke his clavicle. Both parts are healing nicely, and he was ready for the golf course! ✳ Correspondent Jaffray was attending a friend's birthday recently when a familiar face appeared: Jeannie Sutton Hamm '79. Jeannie lives in Wayzata, Minn., with her husband and three sons. Although she graduated with the '79s, she's interested in connecting with some of her Class of '78 friends. Look her up in the alumni directory!

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Retiring secretary Maggie Paine reports: For those of us who made it back to Middlebury this June, our 25th Reunion was magical. Whether you were best friends or had never really crossed paths before that weekend, there was a deep connection and affection. It doesn't hurt that we had one of the few spectacular weekends of what turned out to be a rainy summer—blue skies, no humidity, and perfect temperatures, allowing us to experience the campus at its best. **Martha Hagner Leathe** has lyrically described the reunion experience in our 25th newsletter, so I won't go into too much detail. Spending all or part of the weekend at the College were 157 classmates and 126 family members. We started off on Thursday with dinner and a reception in Ross, part of the renovated New Dorms and our headquarters for the weekend. On Friday, classmates hiked up Snake Mountain or played golf and tennis, then gathered for dinner at President and Mrs. McCardell's house, where we inducted them as official members of our class. (Do you think this means we can put them in charge of organizing our 30th?) Saturday morning we gathered for a moving remembrance of classmates we've lost. Bagpiper **Hamish Blackmun** (dressed in full Scottish regalia) piped us over to the site of our class tree next to Forest; **Laurie Macauley Jordan**, now the College chaplain, offered prayers; and **Marcia Smith**, who until recently was a member of the Grammy Award-winning Brooklyn Tabernacle Choir, closed with a gospel version of "Amazing Grace." Then we moved on, somewhat teary-eyed, to the panel discussion with professors David Littlefield, Murray Dry, and Marjorie Lamberti, ably led by **Patrick Durkin**. All three profs were in great form as they asked us to consider what we'd learned at Middlebury and how it has affected the direction of our lives. Convocation brought us together with everyone else back for Reunion, from Professor Howard Munford '34, back for his 70th, to the Class of 1999, back for the first time. A lobster dinner and fireworks on Battell Beach, followed by dancing in Ross Lounge, rounded out the evening. We lingered over brunch on Sunday; it was hard to say goodbye. To bring back Reunion days or to see what you missed, visit our Reunion Web site, www.middlebury.edu/offices/alumni/reunion/reunion_gallery/1979. ✳ Reunion wasn't the only gathering of '79ers last year. Boston-area alumni got together at **Kim Collins Parizeau**'s house in Wellesley. I caught up with some of our classmates there. **Rich Morris** is living in Newton, Mass., with wife Lauren (a Brown grad), children Jennie (9), David (6), and Charlie, born October 3, 2003. "They keep me plenty busy," Rich notes! With a degree in computer science from the Univ. of Wis.-Madison, Rich has been working in that field in Boston. ✳ Randy '80 and **Mary MacKenzie Corke** live in Acton, Mass. They weren't able to attend reunion, but they'll be in Middlebury this fall when their second child starts college here. ✳ Ty '78 and **Abby Wilson Howe** are the parents of four sons. The oldest is a Princeton sophomore; the others are at school in Dover, Mass. ✳ **Marla Altschuler Robinson** lives in Wellesley (near the Parizeaus), with her husband and children Marina and Timothy. Marla is active in town politics and notes her husband and son are active rock climbers. ✳ **Donna Brewer**'s household in Hamilton, Mass., encompasses not just her three boys, but two dogs and two cats. She and **John MacKenna** have separated, and John lives in Beverly. After 20 years in journalism, John has switched careers and is now a real estate agent in Belmont and Watertown, Mass. ✳ Stow, Mass., is home to **Serena Furman** and **Peter Christianson**. A museum exhibit designer, Serena had recently completed work on a new museum on Fisher's Island when I saw her last spring. ✳ Reunion attendee **Henry Heyburn** reported the arrival of son Henry on October 17, 2003. He and wife Alicia traveled from their home in Brunswick, Maine, where Henry teaches history and coaches. ✳ **Kenneth Peters** was sorry he couldn't make it to reunion. He reports that, after eight years in the industrial lubricants business, he has been back at a private law firm for the last six years. ✳ **Anne Todd McFall** writes that oldest child Whitney graduated from high school and headed off to college this fall. ✳ For most of the past 25 years, I've been following the paths we've taken, experiencing your joys and sorrows vicariously as class secretary. It's allowed me to remain connected to so many of you and to help you stay connected to classmates. It's been a wonderful journey. Thank you for sharing your stories with me. Now it's time for Donna and me to pass the torch to **Beth Mooney Longcope** and **Maura Flynn**. They did a great job on the reunion yearbook, so I know you're in good hands! Keep in touch with them and come back to Middlebury soon. When you do, I hope you'll visit me in my office on the third floor of the former SigEp. Don't wait until the 30th to see Middlebury again!

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Peter '82 and **Grace Brown Smith** send greetings from Pittsburgh, where he works for Starkist ("Got Tuna?"). "Daughter Lauren entered high school this fall. Already a veteran lacrosse player, she says, 'Here I come, Midd!' Andrew (10) is working at being the next Adam Sandler. Life is interesting!" ✳ **David Halsey** chairs the Council on Health Policy and Practice for the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons. He also serves on the physician advisory board of the Alliance of Specialty Medicine. ✳ Corporate attorney **Michael Rambert** recently provided a tutorial on "buying a company vs. starting one from scratch" during Trenton, N.J., Small Business Week. Michael and wife Cheryl (an anesthesiologist) live in Kingston, N.J., with their two children. ✳ In April, **Doug Pierce** ran his first Boston Marathon: "This was my ninth marathon since I began running this distance three years ago. The unusually hot weather was brutal—even for someone who now lives in Florida!—so it was an accomplishment just to fin-

ish. It was fantastic to return to my roots and run the Big One!" ✳ **Ellen Guidera** suggests a 25th Reunion ski week in Portillo, Chile, next August 13-20. If you're interested, contact her at ellen@skiportillo.com. All are welcome!
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Bosworth Dewey has been living in D.C. for the past decade. Boz is "doing project development and finance consulting for energy projects overseas. Most of my work has focused on sustainable energy and environmental infrastructure. I am (very luckily) married with two kids (ages 2 and 4). I regularly see other MiddKids Tim Rockwood '80, **Doug Lilly**, and **Chris West.** ✳ **Mark Holzbach** moved from Tokyo to Texas in 1995. He reports that he's living in Austin, Texas, now, where he cofounded a holographic visualization company called Zebra Imaging. He and life-partner Dana Friis-Hansen recently celebrated their 15th anniversary with a trip to Japan and Bali. Dana is the director of the Austin Museum of Art.
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Susan MacGregor Shaw has taken a hiatus from teaching to spend more time on her photography business this year. She writes: "My youngest, Armour, is in fourth grade, and my two older boys are in high school. My middle son, Malcolm, will be going to boarding school next year! I spend a lot of time on the lacrosse field!"
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Kip Stone is the president and sole owner of Artforms, employing 35 people and selling T-shirts to customers across the country and throughout the Caribbean. From the outset, Kip was driven by two goals: to build Artforms into a world-class, customer-service-oriented company; and to make the company successful enough for him to fund his dream of constructing an Open 50 class single-handed racing sailboat and racing in the Transat, a single-handed transatlantic race. On May 31, he set off on his first Transat race, as the skipper of his Open 50 monohull, *Artforms*, named after his company. Half a month later, he crossed the Boston Harbor finish line in an elapsed time of 15 days, 5 hours, 20 minutes, and 27 seconds, becoming the first American to win the Transat since 1980. ✳ In Portland, Maine, **Gary Prolman** has maintained a law firm for the past 10 years: "I am mainly involved in criminal defense, but also represent professional athletes and entertainers. Currently I've got two players in the NHL and four college players that should be in the NHL within the next couple of years. I've also done work for comedians Bob Marley and Aerosmith." Gary has been heavily involved with coaching high school hockey for 15 years. He's also chairman of the board for the Maine High School Hockey Invitational. ✳ **Nancy Wynant** lives in Bernardsville, N.J. She recently joined the Peapack-Gladstone Bank as vice president. ✳ **Peter Nalen** and two partners have founded Compass Healthcare Communications to do brand and e-marketing for pharmaceuticals and biopharma companies. Wife Lisa is starting a premium chocolate company. They live in Princeton, N.J., with their three children. ✳ Architect **Kate Webb** has been featured in the *New York Times* for her innovative use of small spaces and former maids' rooms in NYC apartments. (See story, page 54.) ✳ In Seattle, the Washington Roundtable, a public policy organization comprised of CEOs from Washington's 40 major employers, recently named Stephen Mullin as president. He had served as the Roundtable's VP for eight years. ✳ **Michael Lyons** writes from Norwich, Vt., where he's a family doctor: "My wife, Stephanie, and I have three children—Hannah (9), Gus (7), and Maddie (5)—to keep us plenty busy. We recently returned from beautiful Santa Barbara, Calif., where we gathered with other Midd grads celebrating the wedding of Suzannah Bishin and **David Hosbein**. ✳ **Carey Lennox** enjoyed the Middlebury reception for President McCardell in Chicago: "Fun to see familiar faces! Reunion last year was terrific. I look forward to our 25th! My son, Mac (now 2.5) will be old enough to come and enjoy some of the festivities. Keep in touch, everyone."
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Madeleine Bass received her J.D. degree from the Roger Williams Univ. Ralph R. Papitto School of Law in May. ✳ **Katya Skow-Obenaus** reports: "One husband, two kids, two cats, and a dog. Still teaching German at the Citadel in Charleston." ✳ **Alexis Gobson Minder** keeps busy with one of the most active PTAs in the south of France! "We are all fine and still loving the expat life in Monaco—although it does make getting back for reunion a bit difficult. Alexander (7), Andrew (5), and Anthony (3) are all at the International School of Monaco, where they are receiving bilingual education from preschool on. ✳ **Michael Graham** and **Julie Greene-Graham** stay busy with their four daughters. In Anchorage, Alaska, Michael is a high school principal and Julie teaches first grade. ✳ **Elizabeth Cutler** has moved to San Francisco and started an interior design business. She loves visitors! She saw **Gigi Kippen-Ruane** and her family in London recently. ✳ **Joel M. Cohen** and wife Karyn and children Harry (11), Jason (7), and Mariana (3.5) reside in a Brooklyn brownstone, "a proverbial money pit" that they nonetheless enjoy. Joel is a partner at Greenburg Traurig LLP, a large international law firm, where he handles mostly white-collar criminal defense matters, "after years of prosecuting similar folk as a federal prosecutor." ✳ **DeeAnn Wallick Klingner** lives in Silver Spring, Md., with husband Bruce '82 and their three children. She's the media specialist at the neighborhood elementary school, and she wants her oldest son to apply to Middlebury! ✳ After five and a half years in Johannesburg, South Africa, **Nancy Ellis Shablom** has moved back to northern Virginia with her husband and children Clayton (10), Nick (6), and Elizabeth (4). Last spring, they visited David Cluxton '83, wife Victoria Rebman, and daughter Katherine. ✳ **Dana Morosini Reeve** and husband Christopher codelivered Midd's commencement address last May. They both received

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The Rev. **Kim Crawford Harvie '79**, minister of the Arlington Street Church in Boston, was recently quoted in the *New York Times*, Reuters, the *Boston Globe*, and many other publications. On May 17, 2004, she said, "By the power vested in me by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, I hereby pronounce you partners for life." With these words, Kim legally married the first same-sex couple in Massachusetts following the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court ruling in November that found prohibition of such marriages to be unconstitutional.

In his first solo offshore race in June, **Kip Stone '83** not only won the Open 50 monohull class in the 2004 Transat (a single-handed transatlantic race), but he also took more than 13 hours off the class record, set in the 1996 race. Kip was the first American to score a victory in the Transat since Phil Weld won in 1980. Kip won on board *Artforms*, a state-of-the-art Open 50 class sailboat named after his Maine T-shirt company, Artforms, which he grew into a company successful enough to fund his dream of racing in the Transat.

Joaquin Martinez '94 has taken a Middlebury concept and put it into practice in a distant locale. After 10 years of teaching French, Spanish, and Italian at a Miami high school, Jack opened Mosaiques, a charming, eclectic restaurant in Miami's upper east side. The Middlebury twist is that friends and strangers dine together and practice their Spanish, French, Italian, English, or Portuguese each Thursday. Jack and his French-born wife, Dominique, circulate among the tables to help get the conversations going.

Devin Arrington '01 is the recipient of the 2004 Christian Fellowship of Art Music Composers Scholarship. A master's student in composition at Carnegie Mellon University, his string quartet, *Gilead*, won the 2003 Carnegie Mellon string quartet competition. Next April, a piece for clarinet, cello, and piano will be premiered at Carnegie Hall.

honorary degrees, along with Meryl Streep, Kenneth Feinberg, Paul Muldoon, and Art Cohn. Dana's theater credits include the starring role in the New Jersey Shakespeare Festival's recent rendition of *The Crucible*, as well as a leading role in the Broadway comedy *More to Love*. On television, she has guest starred on *Law and Order* and *All My Children*, and played recurring roles on the CBS drama *Feds* and the HBO series *Oz*. She also appeared in the HBO films *Above Suspicion* and *Someone Had to Be Benny*. Like her husband, she's an advocate for increases in medical research funding, and for the rights of the disabled.

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Congratulations are in order for **Lisa Miller Browdy**. On June 12, 2004, she became a Bat Mitzvah, "about 28 years behind schedule, but better late than never. About four years ago we joined a conservative synagogue nearby, because our oldest child was ready for religious school. Since my Jewish education included almost no Hebrew (it was out of fashion in the Reform movement at the time), I started taking adult ed classes so I could go to services without feeling so ignorant. Well, as they say, one thing led to another, and since I didn't do this at the traditional age of 13, I thought I'd do it now, in part so I could help children Joel (9.5) and Talia (6) when their turns come." The Browdy clan can be found in Oak Park, Ill. *Mazel Tov.* ✳ **Karen Siatras**, who designs coffee table books for the Smithsonian American Art Museum in D.C., often runs into **Adam Arkel** on her way to work. ✳ **Chris Just** and husband Jim Daylor are keeping busy with daughter Kaya (2.5) and son Braden (5 mos.). Chris works in Brookline, Mass., at Isis Maternity (cofounded by Steve Schrodel '92). Chris is a certified nurse-midwife and instructor of childbirth education and yoga. ✳ Blair and **Scott Iodice** live in Baltimore, Md., with kids Todd (7), Grant (5), and Meredith (3). Scott is the managing partner for Northwestern Mutual Financial Network in Maryland. ✳ **Rawson Hubbell** and son Jackson participated in a triathlon in Waterville Valley, N.H., in June. Rawson writes: "At the MooseCalf Youth Triathlon start, I bumped into a Midd friend whom I hadn't seen in 20-some odd years." Heather Robbins Carley '86 writes: "Hi, Ross! It was a pleasant surprise to run into you and meet your family. I hope Jackson had as much fun as Alexander and Sarah. Maybe we will make it an annual event." The Carleys live in Exeter, N.H. ✳ **Janet English** teaches eighth-grade science at Serrano Middle School in Orange County, Calif. This year, Janet was one of 95 teachers who won the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. She was the only recipient from California. Discussing the honor in a local newspaper article, Janet credited Middlebury with teaching her "to engage a part of my brain that I hadn't engaged before." ✳ **Todd Hollander** is a marketing research consultant in Atlanta, an instructor at the Univ. of Georgia, and a budding writer. Worthy Press has published his book, *We're Killing Our Kids: How to End the Epidemic of Overweight and Sedentary Children*, hitting the bookstores and online retailers in October 2004. "This book is the result not only of my extensive research, but also the experience of applying what I learned in my own family. It is my sincere desire that this book will provide parents and other concerned adults the information, tools, and motivation they need to help children develop a lifestyle of healthy eating and physical fitness." Todd has twin daughters (13) and a son (9).

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Scott Davison and **Thornton Tyson** got their families together for some mountain fun at a camp near Winter Park, Colo., in June. Thor and wife Paige Embry and kids Zoe (6) and Henry (3) live in Seattle, where Thor coaches water polo at the Univ. of Wash. as well as local high school and club teams. Scott and wife Lorraine and kids Cammy (8) and Brody (6) live in Indianapolis, where Scott is CFO of OneAmerica / American United Life Insurance Co. In early July, Scott was in D.C. and spent a couple of days with **Bill Hallock**, back after several years abroad. Bill is doing international consulting for a legal firm in Washington. ✳ **William Safford** (73760.3533@compuserve.com) has turned two of his favorite interests into careers since moving from NYC to Troy, N.Y., in the early '90s. He's playing bassoon and contrabassoon in various orchestras and ensembles. One highlight was being flown to Barbados in 2001 to play in a concert of the Barbados Chamber Orchestra. He also teaches Motorcycle Safety Foundation riding courses at sites all across New York state. William and **Karsten Prager** got together recently in New Rochelle, N.Y., to celebrate turning 40. Karsten lives in San Francisco, where he works for Stentor, a medical imaging and information management company. ✳ **Jon Peterson, Andy** and Gabriella Guetner '88 **Fellows**, and **Dave** and **Sue Gavlick Ballard** (and their families) recently joined in the fun and games of the Vail Lacrosse Shootout, where over 100 Midd people attended. Since 1997, some 76 Midd alums—spanning the classes of 1965 to 1994—have participated in the Shootout. This year Middlebury again fielded two teams—one in the Masters division (players at least 33 years of age) and one in the Super Masters division (at least 40 years of age). Pam Lawson Quinn '87 and the kids were there to watch **Erin Quinn** coach the Masters team to a 6th place finish. (Erin is not used to losing lacrosse games.) Jon, Andy, and Dave played a vital role in the Supermasters 5th place finish out of 14 teams. The "young legs" were welcomed by the old veterans. John McCardell made a farewell speech, as retiring president, and was quick to note the bonds that have been made and nurtured there since 1997. The players enjoyed rekindling friendships and found it especially gratifying to have the kids on the sidelines cheering for their dads. ✳ This spring, I (Macon) got a chance to catch up with **Heather Breed O'Neil** and husband Joe when they came to D.C. to visit friends. They had the thrill of watching my daughter, Claire (7), play baseball, while I got to catch up on Heather's amazing athletic feat: Running the Boston Marathon. Why? To raise money for Boston Children's Hospital, whose doctors and staff took such amazing care of Heather and Joe's twins, Evelyn and Madeline, when they were born three months prematurely in 1997. College roommate **Mary O'Holloran Fitzgerald** was Heather's fund-raising and running buddy. They trained for months, logging mile after mile at dawn while their families slept. In April, they crossed the finish line side by side, raising more than $20,000 for Children's. Way to go! "Thanks to the nurses and doctors at Children's Hospital, Heather says, "Madeline and Evelyn are now happy first-graders. And little sister Audrey does such a great job in trying to catch up to her big sisters that people often assume that they are triplets!" She also added, "Twenty years ago we were roommates at Middlebury. This year we trained for the marathon. Twenty years from now we plan to share a semi-private room as we recover from hip replacement surgery!" ✳ On the other coast, **Torsten Garber** is celebrating his June 5 marriage to Sunhi Yum (MIT class of '91), a former P-3 pilot in the Navy. "I never thought I'd have 5 kids, but I have to say it's a lot of fun," says Torsten, who is still serving in the U.S. Navy. Their son, Kelton, who just turned one, joins Savannah (9) and Eric (4) from Torsten's first marriage, and Sunhi's two children, Ryon (4) and Keili (3). ✳ In July, **Domenico Ciarallo** was busy helping to raise $12,400 for children's charities in Quebec, via the 8th Annual Charity Golf Classic. ✳ **Penny Hamlet Serrurier** has been with Stoel Rives LLP since graduating from Cornell Law School in 1991. She's now head of the wealth management practice group. Penny and husband Peter have two children, ages 5 and 7. ✳ **Maura Webber Sadovi** (maurawebber@aol.com) lives in Chicago with husband Carlos, daughter Kyra (5), and twins Francesca and Aidan, born February 19. A free-lance writer and editor, Maura recently published *Getting an Investment Game Plan*, and *Recipes from America's Small Farms*. She'd love to hear from Midd friends in the Windy City. ✳ **Monica Carroll McCabe** is working at Midd, as a coordinator of international student records. She's also involved with the Friends of International Students, a host program. ✳ In April, **John Moyers** began working for the Center for American Progress, a new think tank started by President Clinton's last chief of staff, John Podesta. He left his old job on a very high note. On May 19, John accepted the Herbert Block Freedom Award from the Newspaper Guild and Communication Workers of America on behalf of TomPaine.com, the nonprofit Web journal that he launched in 1999. It's "given annually to a person or organization that best exemplifies Block's devotion to free speech and assembly, his compassion for the weak and disadvantaged, his distrust of unbridled power and his defense of a vigorous free press."

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Bill and **Izabella Troc Tomljanovich** welcomed son Anthony William Tomljanovich on May 3. Bill is a senior research officer with the UN War Crimes Tribunal for former Yugoslavia. Izabella is the librarian for the International School of the Hague. ✳ Robert and **Sarah Albano Wascura** (M.A. English '90) live in Bethlehem, Pa., with son Graydon (3) and daughter Emily (7). Sarah and **Elaine Chanute Burg**, who lives an hour away, try to meet monthly. Sarah left Lafayette's admissions office five years ago and "returned to what I discovered to be my first love, the English classroom. I am teaching ninth graders and AP literature at a local public high school and I love it. I was recognized by our local PBS station last spring and immediately wrote a thank-you note to all of my influential teachers, many of whom were my Midd and Bread Loaf professors. Two of my former students were spending the summer in Middlebury

and both have chastised me saying, 'Why didn't you tell us about Middlebury sooner?!' I did, they just don't remember. Sarah would love to hear from Midd people (especially second floor South Battell) at sara.wascura@verizon.net. ✷ **Laura Firmery Galusha** is enjoying motherhood with sons Robert (3) and Patrick (1). Robert started preschool this fall. Laura sends greetings to N.J., Theresa, Anne, and Robin. She would also like to hear from Jim Kelly '85. ✷ **Don Hindman** was planning a D-8 reunion in NYC for October 9. ✷ **John Woolley** lives in Portland, Ore., with wife Karen and kids Priya (15), Rachael (10), Devin (8), and Thomas (6). "I still run Tamarack Capital, a mezzanine lender focused on small businesses west of the Rockies. I recently attended the first meeting of what may become the Portland chapter of the Middlebury Alumni Association. It was attended by 35 people—and I was the third oldest in the room!" Last Thanksgiving, John traveled to Brazil for the wedding of **Ramiro Prudencio** and Fabriene Gallard (see photo in this issue). ✷ **Sallie Bryan** enjoys a great group of Middlebury friends in the Bay Area. She teaches visual arts at Bentley School, where she is now student dean. She recently had a successful art showing, selling her new ceramic clocks. ✷ Congratulations to **Steve Gunther**, who got married on May 7: "There were many Middlebury revelers in attendance, but Schille was stuck in Boston changing diapers." Steve reports that wife Dana is a business executive for Amazon.com in Seattle. He has joined a sports medicine group in Maryland, and he's also working with the U.S. Canoe & Kayak Team. ✷ **Dan Robb** will have his second book, about rebuilding an old wooden sailboat, published in 2005. (His first book, *Crossing the Water*, came out in 2001.) Driving a 1987 Saab, he earned half of his living in 2004 as a carpenter. Domestic regime change is high on his list of current priorities, and he would like to promote the Constitution as his favorite document of the new millennium. ✷ **Andrea (Andy) Kelly** writes: "I've been living by the lake in Burlington, Vt., for awhile now, ensnared by the beauty here and palatable politics. I run the counseling center at Johnson State College, and I'm working on a nationwide project to link volunteer service learning into higher ed, as a prevention tool for substance abuse and depression." ✷ **Kathryn Carpenter Swords** lost husband Bruce Swords to lung cancer on May 30, 2002, just 17 months after he was diagnosed. "My son had just turned two and my daughter had just turned four," she writes. "Thank the Lord we had moved back to Memphis and were surrounded by family and friends. It has taken me a full two years to feel normal again, but my kids and I are doing great. My daughter Sara (6) and son John (4) are happy and funny and we have a blast together. I am so thankful that I am a full-time stay-at-home Mom." Kathryn encourages anyone going through a similar situation to contact her (901-821-0194; swords@midsouth.rr.com) if she can be of help.

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Paolo Bonetti, wife Tiphaine Ravenel and son Giacomo (3) announce the birth of daughter Isobel Soubeyroux on April 4. Paolo is importing organic wines from 10 countries with Organic Vintners in Boulder, Colo. ✷ In NYC, **Patrick Stern** is the new group creative director for advertising agency Organic, Inc. In his former position at R/GA, he codirected the Nike campaign that won three Cannes Cyber Lion awards last year. ✷ **Susan Merrill Parker** is enjoying life in Chicago, doing marketing consulting and being mom to Will (born in December 2002). "Motherhood is truly the most challenging and rewarding job I've ever had." ✷ **Thomas Urban** was recently named CEO of CellFor Inc., a forest seed company in Vancouver, B.C. CellFor's technology can increase productivity by more than 40 percent, using conventional selection and breeding of conifers, not genetic modification. A 14-year veteran of the seed business, Tom was a director of strategic planning for DuPont before joining CellFor.

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The Class of '89 had a rousing time at our 15th Reunion last June. There were plenty of chances to really catch up with everyone. Close to 65 classmates, plus significant others and children, returned to campus for the weekend. The general mood was fun and relaxed. The lobster dinner with all classes on Battell field was awesome, as were the picnic and events on Saturday at the Center for the Arts. **Jeff Somers** won the 5k fun run. Julia Morse made the trek from Seattle. **KC Koch Reeves** and husband John drove up from Bethesda, with kids Johnny, Sam, and Annie. The children loved running around with **Bob** and **Sandra Peterson More**'s two boys. **Jay** and **Janelle Moburg Leonard** were spotted biking with their daughter around the frog pond behind the Center for the Arts. Most of us stayed in Stewart, where Chris Dayton '88 even made a quick return engagement as the token JC for the weekend. Friday night was a late night with people congregating in the on-campus bar after a cookout on campus. **Maureen Watson, Maura Phelan Murnane, Meg Beeman Shean, Vic Hoyt, Kathleen Brigham Uberagua, Laura Levering O'Connell, Lisa Hollander Rickenbaugh**, and **Bridget Fitzgerald Subak** started things off Friday night with a spirited effort in the bar, and **George Lawrence, Nat Howe, Parke Logan**, and **Zach Conner** held court at the pool table all night, reminding us that good pool skills never really go away. Saturday was a beautiful day, and the class of '89 took advantage of the fine weather to enjoy exploring the campus. **John Renwick**, his wife Kelly, and their three sons came all the way from Michigan. They were joined by **Graham Goldsmith, Chris Hiland** and his twins, **Rob White** and wife Kerri, **Tim** and **Kathleen Murphy O'Shea, Ryder Stahl, Erik Vigsnes**, and **Mark Dimond** were all on campus. Other classmates spotted were **Scott** and **Kris Canfield McBurney** (all the way from Seattle!), **Tom Gleason, John Mutterperl, Jeff Somers**, and **Craig** and **Karen Lane Anderson**. Saturday night was lots of fun, the highlight being the concert in the Johnson Art Center. The Soviet-bloc style construction was the perfect setting for a rocking time in the basement! The highlight was John Renwick's quick set of blues piano during the concert. All in all, the brave souls who made it back for our 15th had a super time, and we're looking forward to our 20th in another five years. ✷ In other news, **Michael Choi** is a senior art director with Harrison and Star in NYC. He and his wife also continue to run their own graphic design business, Open Mind Design (www.openminddesign.com) out of their home in Park Slope, Brooklyn. ✷ **Amanda Washburn** and Mark Weills were married in East Hampton, N.Y., on September 6, 2003. Joining them on this happy occasion were **Liz Mitchell**, Mike Stevens '90, **Margi Mullin Soni, Emily Hall**, and the bride's cousin, Michael Sayre '94, all of whom refused to pose for pictures. ✷ **Emily B. Hall** and husband Jim welcomed daughter Eliza Bancroft Hall Miller in November 2003. She joins big brother Henry (3). ✷ John and **Caroline Orme Taylor** write: "We're having a ball with daughter Susannah (born February 2003) and living in Austin, Texas—live music capital of the world. Come on down y'all and see us!" ✷ **Susan Spilecki**, who has been teaching writing and literature in the Boston area at MIT, Emerson College, and Northeastern Univ., is now working as a life coach, specializing in procrastination and productivity. Susan reports that **Nancy Moore** is expanding her ministry as an Episcopal vicar in central Maine. ✷ **Peter Gries**, who was an Asian studies major at Middlebury, has just published a new book called *China's New Nationalism: Pride, Politics, and Diplomacy*. An assistant prof. of political science at the Univ. of Colo., Boulder, Peter is also codirector of Sino-American Security Dialogue.

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Gretchen Eisele Eaton made the big move to the suburbs of Westchester, "which wasn't easy for this native New Yorker. I'm doing free-lance documentary work for various cable and network stations, and running around after Karina (3) and Henry (2). ✷ **Laura Farley Jenks** (laurafjenks@aol.com) and her family have moved back to L.A.: "We are living in Manhattan Beach. I recently left Mattell and am working for Adidas again (and loving it). Sand feels great and sun feels better. Come visit!" ✷ **Fritz Wyler** moved back to Tokyo, Japan, in January 2004. He's overseeing real estate investments and development in Asia for AMB Property Corp. ✷ **Kevin Bittenbender** has been working with Benson woodworking for nine years, running the architectural millwork shop and making doors, stairs, and other custom wood products for their timber frame homes. ✷ Sara and **Mark Mirsky** became the parents of their first child, Stephanie, in January. They reside in Darien, Conn., and both work in advertising in NYC. ✷ In February 2004, **Jeff** and **Karen Thayer Bograd** welcomed their third child, Harrison. He joins siblings Nicholas and Emma. ✷ **James Boyle** is now a VP in Trammell Crow's downtown brokerage division in Boston. He formerly headed up their corporate advisory services team in San Francisco. ✷ As research coordinator for NOAA's Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary, **Sarah Fangman** conducts a wide variety of research projects, like population studies of Xantus's murrelets, aerial surveys of marine mammals, SCUBA surveys of the kelp forest, and habitat characterization surveys using Remotely Operated Vehicles (ROVs). Sarah also conducts research using submersibles. You'll find much more news about Sarah on page 38.

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Bill Deacon keeps in e-mail touch with over 13,000 of his regular diners at Fosters Seafood and 33 American Bistro in Scottsdale, Ariz. In an amazing feat for a restaurant owner, Bill spends more than 40 hours a week creating personal e-mails and personally responding to over 200 e-mails a day! He fires off chatty two-page missives at least once a week, everything from the history of Caesar salad to mini-dissertations on seafood and the daily specials being offered at his restaurants. Customer comments are included and there's even an e-mail family forum. In summer 2003, *Phoenix Magazine* named Bill the Most Enterprising Restaurateur. Bill has an incredibly loyal clientele and saw a 46 percent increase in revenue over the last year. You can visit Bill at www.fostersseafood.com. ✷ **Hendrik Snow** earned a J.D. from the Cumberland Law School at Samford Univ. (Birmingham, Ala.) in May 2004. Three years earlier, he had earned his M.S. in geography from the Univ. of Alabama (Tuscaloosa). "I plan on integrating my training in assessing the social and environmental impacts of development projects, policies, or regulatory activity with my legal training to promote environmental protection and sustainability in natural resource management." ✷ You'll find news of **Scott Krugman** in the 1976 column. ✷ Returning to NYC after spending two years in London, **Claudia Cooper Church** reports: "We left as two, but we are returning as three. Alexander (Alex) Cooper Church turned one on June 18. We are really looking forward to meeting **Cricket Keleher Braun**'s ('91) eighth child!" ✷ Elizabeth Spove and **Raymond Strong** were married recently in Southold, N.Y. Ray is a managing director of Goldman Sachs, advising clients in the oil and gas industry. Elizabeth is doing a master's in clinical nutrition at NYU. ✷ **Vanessa Trien** has lived in the Boston area for eight years, getting a master's in education, working as an arts festival producer, and performing as a singer/songwriter. "Still performing, I now also work as program staff at the Cambridge Center for Adult Education. And I got married last October! At the wedding on Block Island were **Lana Fuller, Tricia Mangold Heiser**, Ted Siebert '90, **Paul Testa, Victoria Fischer Luksch, Caroline Morner Berg, Tricia Mangold Heiser, Kristen Perrault, Jen Kayle, John Cunningham, Sagri Singh, Caitlin Cahill Beeton, Robin Folweiler** and **Mike Rea**. ✷ **Carrie McCusker** (mccusker@maine.rr.com) is living in Cape Elizabeth, Maine, "with two children, my husband, two rabbits, and a cat. I started competing in triathlons last summer and met with remarkable success! What a blast! I'd love to hear from some long lost pals. Former Stewart dorm freshman **Sarah Lyons Price** just moved in around the corner, so it's like the old days up here. Drop a line!"

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Nate Simms has been named the ITA Northeast Regional Coach of the Year. Nate led the Midd women's tennis team to its third consecutive NCAA Tournament appearance last spring, advancing the team to the regional final before being eliminated. The season's squad set a school record for wins with 16, to go against just four losses. Nate has earned an impressive career record of 49-18 in just four years as head coach. ✷ **Jules Reinhart Elkins** writes that she and husband Zachary both received their doctorates from Berkeley and both took jobs at the Univ. of Ill., Champaign. Zachary specializes in the politics of Brazil, while Jules works on economic development issues, primarily focused in Asia. Without ready access to mountains or ocean, Jules admits that they are suffering from some culture shock in the prairie. Luckily they had the summer off and could flee to the coast of Maine. Jules writes that **Hillary Miller Wise** got married over Memorial Day weekend in Maine. Hillary and her husband live in D.C., where she works for DAI, traveling the globe working on microcredit. She reportedly called Jules from Afghanistan to ask her to be a bridesmaid! Jules also writes that **Julia Moon Bradley** lives in the San Francisco area and has a delightful little boy named Jake. Julia is close to completing her Ph.D. in psychology. Finally, Jules reports that **Shasta Darlington** has been quite the globetrotter as a foreign correspondent for Reuters, living in Mexico City, then Sao Paolo, and now in Italy. ✷ **Mara Gorman** recently returned from 13 months on the road with her husband and son (now 2): "Stops included Boston, Vermont, New Haven, London, Rome, Florence, Wisconsin, Texas, and Los Angeles. I am writing a book titled *The Mother of All Trips: 13 Months, 8 Stops, 1 Toddler.* We are now settled in a new house in Newark, Del., where Matt is an English prof. at the Univ. of Del." ✷ **Alicia Mathewson** wrote and produced the musical *Love According to Luc*, which played at the Greenwich Street Theatre in NYC last spring. Besides wowing audiences with a powerful score and an amazing cast, Alicia was heralded by one reviewer as a "promising new voice in musical theater." A throng of Midd friends attended performances, including Leroy Nesbitt '82 (senior adviser for institutional diversity) and **Lisa Darak, Nellie Perera, John Rudge,** and **Sara Weale**. For more information on the show as well as music downloads, go to www.luclives.com. ✷ Living in the West Village, **Nellie Perera** is running an after-school program on the Lower East Side for girls and young women, integrating the arts and computer technology. She sees **Elizabeth Brewer Redwine** and **Maria Shollenbarger** regularly, and just reconnected with Adam Ludwig '93, a professional actor based in NYC. ✷ Joanne and **Matt Pauley** received a great Christmas gift last year: son Truman Doyle Pauley arrived on December 26, weighing 9 lbs, 2 oz. Rumor has it that the little guy is already in training for the fall rugby season. ✷ Mary and **Rob Luce** welcomed Oliver Barnes Luce on February 5. He joins big sister Georgia. The Luce family lives in Johannesburg, South Africa, where Rob is a musician and owns a recording studio (www.thecooler.co.za). ✷ **Cynthia Gabriel** and **Felix Paulick** welcomed Calvin Kailani Paulick on March 28, after an amazingly quick homebirth. Calvin is little brother to Sylvia. ✷ Out in Los Angeles, Melinda and **Terence Ou** were blessed with first child Nathan Suen-En Ou on April 23. They're trying to catch up on sleep, but it's a losing battle. ✷ Mary Lynn and **Scott Harper** celebrated the birth of their third child, Abigail, on May 5. The whole family was looking forward to the 4th of July trip to Middlebury for **Chris Bevin**'s wedding. ✷ **Bill McDavitt** and wife Anya welcomed son Carter on June 3 in Arcata, Calif. Bill is looking for work in the stream restoration field in the New England area, to be nearer family in Boston. ✷ **Tom Garrett**'s own wine brand (Detert Family Vineyards, from his mom's family's vineyard) is

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March 5-12, 2005
Alumni Ski Week
Sun Valley, Idaho

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Upcoming Alumni and Parent Events

November 4
New York Chapter lecture with Professor of Geography Tamar Mayer

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November 12-13
Middlebury Hillel Jubilee Reunion Weekend

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December 8
New York Chapter Holiday Party

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December 15
Boston Chapter Holiday Party

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January 13-17
Alumni College in Beaufort, SC with College Professor John M. McCardell, Jr.

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January 19
Seattle Chapter lecture with Professor of Chemistry and Biochemistry Jeffrey H. Byers

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January 20
Rocky Mountain Chapter lecture with Professor of Chemistry and Biochemistry Jeffrey H. Byers

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January 29
Middlebury February Celebration for mid-year graduates

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A complete listing of events is available on the web at *www.middlebury.edu/alumni/events/*

doing well. He loves his day job as general manager/assistant winemaker at another Napa winery, Revana. Tom and KC have a son, William (16 mos.). ✷ Living in Sudbury, Mass., **Jon Loewald** has a new gig as an associate producer with NOVA. ✷ **Peter Steinle** has been appointed VP of sales for ProfitCenter Software, a wholly owned subsidiary of Systemax Inc. ✷ After over a decade in the metropolitan D.C. area, **Tom McCraw** has returned to his native New England roots with wife Michelle. Living in New Hampshire, Tom practices law at a Manchester firm, focusing on employment and environmental issues. We shall miss them in the nation's capital. ✷ Unlike many of his fellow classmates, **Fred Lawrence** still has not found a viable alternative to D.C. He works at the Independent Petroleum Association of America, where he's VP for economics and international affairs. He also spends time on a nonprofit dealing with political, educational, and charitable projects in Mongolia, that he helped establish in 2000 (Zorig Foundation USA). This summer he spent time in Europe for work and a grad school reunion in London, followed by a whirlwind tour of the Hapsburg Empire. ✷ **JJ Gilmartin** was headed to Athens, Greece, in August to do some free-lance writing for NBC Olympics.com. ✷ Cpt. **Hank McKnelly** has been proudly serving in Iraq as a member of the 1st Cavalry Division, working as the chief of operational law. He was being promoted to major on September 1.

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This summer, **Taylor Fravel** joined the department of political science at MIT as an assistant prof. A specialist in international security with a regional focus on China and East Asia, he's completing a book that examines China's efforts to settle territorial disputes. Taylor was at Middlebury last April for an International Studies Colloquium presentation on China's new diplomacy and U.S.-China relations. ✷ After wrapping up a one-year internship in small animal medicine at Tufts Univ., **Blake Murell-Liland** planned to sleep for two months and then start work in the world of small animal medicine in September. Blakely and husband Jon welcome visitors to Portland, Maine. ✷ **Holly Cookis** and Brian Howie caught up in D.C. in June. Holly was in town for a conference for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, where she's the national special events manager. ✷ **Katie Bunn-Marcuse** was back at Middlebury for winter term 2003, teaching a class on Northwest coast native art. A few months later, she and husband Andy celebrated the arrival of son Robert. She's now teaching part time at the Univ. of Wash. and doing dissertation research for her art history Ph.D. ✷ **Jenn Randolph Gasparro** left her position in development at Dartmouth College and moved to Sarasota in June with husband Chris and daughter Kate (1.5). Writes Jen, "We're New Englanders at heart, so this move was a tough one, but we're excited about a new adventure. Our plans are to stay here for three years and then to move back to the New England area." Contact Jenn at jgasparro@tampabay.rr.com). ✷ In his last year of anesthesiology residency, **Tim Curry** (curry.timothy@charter.net) accepted a position as a consultant in anesthesiology at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn. He completed his M.D./Ph.D. (physiology) degrees at the Univ. of Buffalo in 2001. This summer, Tim and wife Elizabeth celebrated eight years of marriage. Their son, Jacob, is three and a half. Tim plays rugby with a local team and stays in contact with Midd friends on both coasts. ✷ Since leaving the Army Special Forces, **Tim Scovin** is an officer in the Office of Special Investigations (Air Force). He lives in Dover, Del. ✷ Living in Sterling, Mass., **Sean (Boze) Casten** is the owner of a private company that manufactures cogeneration power generators (Turbosteam). ✷ **Tanya Ames** has joined the sales team at Coldwell Banker office in Norwell, Mass. ✷ **Adam Greenberger** is doing consulting business and working on starting a venture capital firm in NYC. ✷ **Ofelia Barrios** (ofeliabarrios@hotmail.com), who lives in NYC with daughter Olivia, is the program director for an HIV/AIDS advocacy and policy non-for-profit agency. She has also been elected to the board of the Middlebury College Alumni Association. ✷ Living in Charlestown, Mass., **Jen Tremblay Williamson** and husband Brian welcomed daughter Tenley on September 4, 2003. After a 10-year career in finance at Brown Brothers Harriman, Jen decided to stay at home with Tenley. She regularly sees **Stacy Hale Smith** with son Max and **Alexa Evans Schnauck** with daughter Eliza and son Tyler. ✷ **Tracy Purinton** is living in Waltham, Mass., with partner Jayne and son Owen, born December 25, 2003. Tracy is an assistant dean for student life at MIT. ✷ **John** and **Jennifer Ruh Linder** welcomed "the joy of our lives," daughter Emma Grace Linder on February 25. Living in McMinnville, Ore., Jen is a prof. at Linfield College and John is an analyst for CTC Consulting in Portland. They hope to see friends visiting the area. ✷ Harrison and **Patricia Falkenberg Zanuck** announce the birth of son Luke Harrison Zanuck on April 27. Patricia is taking the school year off to be a full-time mom. ✷ Out in Colorado Springs, Samuel Cabot Merriam arrived on July 20, much to the delight of his parents, **Rick** and Brooke McDonald '95 **Merriam**. ✷ **Sam** and **Vanessa Guibert Heitner** are pleased to announce that son Santiago (3) has a new baby brother, Matías Agustíne, who arrived on June 11. After spending the month of August in Vermont, the Heitners planned to be in Argentina by September 1: "While residing in Buenos Aires, we will launch a travel business that will offer unique trips for travelers to discover Argentina. We look forward to cultivating a luxury wine and adventure travel company that will combine an initial stay in Buenos Aires with other regions, depending on the season and the interests of the client. Regions will include the wine country in the foothills of the Andes, the Patagonia, the broad Atlantic beaches, the pampas, and the Andean ski resorts—just to get started!" Their educational division will cater to "college students who seek a unique cultural and language immersion experience. Our company name is Argentina Uncorked." They can be reached at sam@argentinauncorked.com and vanessa@argentinauncorked.

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Kelly Kryc (kkryc@joiscience.org) has moved from California to D.C., where she's now the assistant director of ocean drilling programs at the Joint Oceanographic Institutes. ✷ **Andrew Wiemeyer** is practicing prosthodontics in Duxbury, Mass. Andy and wife Kim have a daughter, Katie (19 mos.). ✷ **Jennifer Waaler** and Gregory Stock met while training for the 2000 Chicago Marathon. After eloping to NYC on March 12, 2002, they ran their first Boston Marathon together. Greg is a prof. in the business school at Northern Illinois Univ.; Jennifer is a criminal defense lawyer with the law offices of Kathleen Colton Ltd. in Batavia, Ill. ✷ Glenn and **Betsy Godshalk Richard** are pleased to announce the arrival of daughter Madeline in September 2003: "Madeline is doing great—boy, have our lives changed forever!" Glenn and Betsy are both finishing ("ever so slowly") their residencies, Betsy in dermatology at Hopkins and Glenn in radiology at National Naval Medical Center. ✷ **Brendan Collins** and wife Nathalie have welcomed their second son, Sean Rheaume Collins. Big brother Aidan (2) is proud of his new pal. Brendan is still a surgical resident at Hopkins, enjoying life in Baltimore's Federal Hill. ✷ Lee and **Kristin McComiskey Piazza** have two children now. Garrett (3) and baby Isabelle, who arrived on February 20. ✷ **Megan Martin Maguire** and husband Derek welcomed daughter Ryan Elizabeth on March 18. She joins big sister Quinn and big brother Declan. Megan and Derek recently moved from New Jersey to Hingham, Mass. ✷ Stacy and **Tom LaMotte** (tomlamotte@hotmail.com) welcomed Sydney Michelle LaMotte on April 7. Daughter Ellie (2.5) loves having a little sister. ✷ John '92 and **Darsie White Swanson** are enjoying life in Truckee, Calif., with daughters Lucy (3.5) and Amelia (1). Darsie recently started a line of all-natural bath products called Be.Line. John is still enjoying practicing emergency medicine at Washoe Medical Center in Reno. ✷ As codirector of IT Nutrition, a nutrition company specializing in corporate wellness programs, **Kate Walsh Geagan** has worked with Sun Microsystems, Reebok, Yankee Candle, Citistreet, and other companies to develop nutrition-related programming for their employees. This summer she became an adviser and spokesperson for Natural Harmony Foods, a producer and marketer of natural protein foods. ✷ **Chris Marshall** accepted a job as theater teacher at the Sage Hill School in Newport Beach, Calif. He and Anje and dog were relocating to Laguna Beach at summer's end. ✷ **Ariana Speyer** and Patrick Sullivan '95 were married May 19 at the Brooklyn Municipal Building, followed by a nondenominational ceremony at the Dreamaway Lodge in Becket, Mass., on May 22. Ariana is the editor in chief of *Index*, an interview magazine in Manhattan. Patrick is the lead guitar player and singer in Oakley Hall, a honky-tonk country band based in Brooklyn. ✷ Matthew and **Alison Bevin Love** became the parents of daughter Madeline Paige on January 4. Stepping down from her position teaching Latin in Denver, Alison decided to step into a new position in her family's business in Connecticut, where Bevin Bells have been manufactured since 1832. Alison and her brother, Christopher Bevin '92, are the seventh generation in the family business. Their bells are viewable at www.bevinbells.com. ✷ It is very sad to report the death of **Meaghan Murphy** on October 19, 2003. Meaghan lost her life because of an inoperable brain tumor. We extend the condolences of the class to her family. A memorial appears elsewhere in this issue.

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After six weeks chasing high altitude summits in Bolivia, **Geordie Romer** is getting settled in his new real estate career in Leavenworth, Wash. Visitors to the faux Bavarian village can contact him at geordie@windermere.com. ✷ **Claudio Salas** graduated from Yale Law School in May. This fall, he's working in NYC at Debevoise & Plimpton. ✷ Josh '94 and **Oakley Dominick Cobb** are living in Denver with son James (1). Josh is the head of the English department at a local prep school, while Oakley is working part time as an intensive care nurse. "We would love visitors." ✷ Ted and **Anna Hart Rogers** welcomed son George in March 2003. Anna reports that John and **Sarah Outman Brophy** have two sons now, Freddy (2) and newborn Stephen. "It's so great watching our boys grow up together!" ✷ Living near Berne, Switzerland, Daniel and **Riikka Pakkala Rakic** welcomed daughter Kira Alessandra Rakic on January 12. After six years in IT consulting, Riikka (riikka.rakic@bluewin.ch) has decided to stay at home with baby Kira and son Noah (2.5) for the time being. ✷ Ted and **Lauren Johnson Pricer** proudly announce the birth of daughter Elise Linnea on May 1. Now living in South Burlington, Ted is a senior engineer at IDX and Lauren is an assistant VP of operations for Dwight Asset Management. ✷ **Jill Colley Robinson** (revjill@verizon.net) and husband John-Eric Colley Robinson (Stanford '89) are pleased to announce the birth of first child Chelsea Irena Colley Robinson on May 18. Jill is the United Methodist minister in Middlebury, East Middlebury, and Ripton, Vt. "It's great to be home!" ✷ Erik and **Caroline Bonny Sparling** welcomed son Félix on June 26, 2003. They're living in Ottawa. ✷ Belated congratulations to **David Mitchell** and Cecilia Fanning, who were married in November 2002 in NYC and in Ireland, at Dromoland Castle. ✷ Following their June 28, 2003, marriage, George and **Betsey Traver Linge** moved to western Massachusetts, where George had a one-year clerkship with a federal judge in Springfield and Betsey had a temp job at Smith College. In summer 2004, they were moving to Portland, Maine, for George's job at a law firm. ✷ **Nick Toren** reported his June 27 marriage to Elise DeRenzo in Ridgefield, Conn. Nick will be playing a small role in next year's *Birth of the Pink Panther*, with Steve Martin and Kevin Kline.

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Brad Corrigan's new Braddigan record was slated for release on October 15. His new record label is Third Surfer records. For the latest on his music mission trips to Peru, Cuba, and Ecuador, check out www.braddigan.com. ✷ **Angela Goldman Klingler** graduated from Southern Ill. Univ. School of Medicine last May. Angela and husband Lance '95 have a daughter, Lilia. ✷ Still working on her Ph.D. in linguistics at the Univ. of Texas at Austin, **Shannon Finch** reports that "after a little vacation in the south of France with my beau, I'll be heading off to India for an Urdu language program in Luchnow. I'm wondering which is hotter—India or Texas?" ✷ **Cathrine (Cat) Prenot** is teaching biology a stone's throw away from the Canadian border in northern Vermont. ✷ Jay '95 and **Adeeva Wang Fritz** live in Concord, Mass., with daughter Cara (1). Adeeva has been having so much fun with Cara that she couldn't bring herself to go back to work full time. She's free-lance writing from their home. ✷ Neal and **Hillery Hinds Maxymillian** welcomed daughter Piper Amelie on January 29. They live in Lincoln, Mass., where Hillery recently started an environmental remediation firm that cleans up contaminated sites throughout New England. ✷ **Sam Martini**—with the great help of **David Janke**, Sacha Janke '98, Erika Crane-Stern '98, Sophie Hardy '98, and **Zack Free**—threw the annual Alzheimer's Junior Committee gala in NYC in April. Midd alums attending were too numerous to list, and many traveled far to attend. The event was the most profitable in the group's history. Sam also competed in the Mighty Montauk triathlon, another Alzheimer's fund-raiser, in June. ✷ **Kimberly Whitman** and Patrick McGovern were married on Cape Cod on September 28, 2003. Middlebury friends in attendance included **Amy Schwenker Kamosa**, **Chris Loudon**, **Neil Matthews**, **Scott Pokrywa**, Craig Emerson '95, and Clint Bierman '97. Clint played guitar during the ceremony and entertained the guests later at a local hotel bar. Kim and Pat live in Hoboken, N.J., while Kim is a sales development manager for *Sports Illustrated* in NYC and Pat is the manager of the powerboat sales division at Mack Boring & Parts Co. in Union, N.J. ✷ Simon and **Nina Grinnell Judson** were unable to make the trip from Germany for the Whitman-McGovern wedding, as they were preparing for the birth of their first child. Luc Doane Judson arrived on October 6, 2003. ✷ The marriage of Elizabeth Feld and **David Herzberg** took place on March 27 in NYC. David is an associate and a securities research analyst at Gramercy Advisors, a hedge fund in Greenwich, Conn. Elizabeth is the associate director of an art gallery in New York. ✷ **Dan Rice** was married to Christina Tatikian on June 5 at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in East Hampton, N.Y. The reception, at the Maidstone Club, featured a great band, Eturnity with a "u" out of NYC (for any classmates planning a wedding). Midd friends celebrating with them included **Eric Davis, Mike** and **Debbie Bailey Kreuzer, Andrew Kvaal, Jethro** and **Molly Bschorr Ferguson, Amanda Gordon Fletcher, Jess Angell, Amy Atwood, Anthony Civale, Greg Guido, Ben Hartley, Cheryl Kozlowski, Keith Magliana, Ashley McMullin, Charlie Whinery**, and Laurie Healy '95. In addition, **Jeff Bittner**'s twin sister, Pam, did a reading. The newlyweds live in Manhattan, where Dan is an associate at Apollo Management and Christina is the director of donor relations at the Inner-City Scholarship Fund. She's pursuing her MBA at NYU this fall. ✷ **Carter Blackwell** got his BFA from the California College of the Arts & Crafts, where he studied sculpture and furniture design. He studied in Marseille, France, for one semester. Now he's involved in an artist residency program at the San Francisco Dump, where he hones in on the conceptual potential of other people's junk. ✷ Caitlin and **Stuart Salyer** moved in June from their Boston apartment to a new home in Weston, Mass., just in time to welcome son Henry Ferguson Salyer, who was born on June 18. ✷ Please continue to send us your news. We love hearing from you!

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Since graduation, **Rachel Odell** has been reporting on environmental issues in Jackson Hole and Bend, Ore. This fall, she is one of five Ted Scripps Fellows at the Univ. of Colo. in Boulder on an environmental journalism fellowship. "For the 2004-05 academic year, I plan to pursue an independent study project on the effectiveness of the Endangered Species Act by studying the impact gray wolf migration has on states surrounding the original reintroduction area." ✷ **Megan Moynihan** and her brother, Tim, opened a law firm together in Boston last January. Moynihan Partners assist small companies like their own and represent a range of different clients. Both live on Beacon Hill. ✷ **Kristen Chencus** was in Colorado for the summer, then retuned to teaching middle school English at Jemicy School for Dyslexic Students. "Still living in downtown Baltimore," she's "loving city life and loving working with kids." ✷ **Jamie Damon** and wife Jenny Richards live in the Back Bay of Boston, where Jamie is a VP at Putnam Investments and Jenny teaches math at the Buckingham Browne and Nichols School. ✷ **Amy Nichols** is enjoying life in San Francisco where she works at JP Morgan Chase in the event marketing and sponsorship group. Amy focuses mainly on sponsorships of professional tennis tournaments. She would love to hear from alums in San Francisco at amy.nichols@sbcglobal.net. ✷ **Kate Mahar** received her master's in public policy from the Univ. of Chicago last spring. "I now work as a policy associate at Action for Children, a statewide organization that aims to improve state and federal policies affecting low-income working parents and their children." ✷ **Matt Bijur** joined Jet Set Sports in 1998 as Olympic operations coordinator in Nagano, Japan. In 2000, he was promoted to director of human resources for the Olympic Games in Sydney and Salt Lake City. This summer he was appointed president of CoSport, a subsidiary of Jet Set Sports and a major provider of retail hospitality packages to the Olympic Games. ✷ A week after they graduated from business school at the Univ. of Chicago, Lena Sullesta and **Andrew Jessen** were married on June 19. A beautiful ceremony at the Univ. of Chicago was followed by an unbelievable reception at the Intercontinental Hotel downtown. There to celebrate with them were **Rob Birdsong, Dan Drake, Brian Hubbard, Matt Ralston, Jeff Rea, Dave Smith, Jackie Pelton**, Jed '99 and **Amy Flanders Harris, Karen Lewis Jacobs, Elisabeth Wynn, Jamee Field,** Kip Digges '98, Brad Gay '98, and Elijah Irby '98. ✷ Meredith and **Dan Drake** are the proud new parents of Charles Holmes Drake, born on March 30. Charlie has already heard a lot about Middlebury from godparents **Jamee Field** and **Andy Jessen**. We all hope he matriculates in 2022. ✷ When **Helen Froelich** and J. Raymond Plummer were married on June 28, 2003, there were tons of Middlebury friends on hand to celebrate in Edgartown, Mass. Helen met Ray while living in China in 1999. She recently graduated from the Univ. of Chicago Graduate School of Business and Ray just got his MBA from Thunderbird. The Plummers are living in Whitehouse, N.J. ✷ **Margaret Rieley** and husband **Sean Hagenbuch** both received their medical degree from the Medical School of Memorial Univ., St. Johns, Newfoundland, last May. Both are specializing in pediatrics during their residency program at Bay State Hospital, Springfield, Mass.

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Corey Atteridge (catteridge@ambitbio.com) writes that he and **Dave Savarese** are "constructing a bridge to total freedom in the heart of San Diego. Come and visit if you too need to escape from the scientologists." ✳ As a veterinarian in Pennsylvania, **Karen Olsen** is thrilled that she gets to hug puppies and kittens every day for a living. ✳ **Jonathan Kosterlitz** is a fifth year medical student at UCC, Cork, Ireland. ✳ **Luis J. Stephens** is busy getting his psychology degree in Mexico City, while doing an internship in a psychiatric ward at San Rafael Hospital. Luis sends his best to **Hilary Decker Sinnamon, Edward Digges, Bradford Gay, Elijah Irby, Matthew Gunderson, Eric Hoffman, Devon White**, and **Catherine Whittlesey Comstock** ("I still have your Whittle-Tee Middlebury T-shirt!"). He also sends greetings to Arlinda Wickland and Gary Margolis '67. He would love to hear from all of these people at ljsaa@yahoo.co.uk. "And that includes you, Prof. Ganley!" ✳ Ashburnham, Mass., resident **Alexzandra de Barros McBeth** has joined the Fitchburg law firm of Gelinas & Ward LLP, as an associate lawyer, where she concentrates on business and commercial law and secured lending. ✳ "I love NYC," writes **Cara O'Reilly**, "and my job in equity research sales. After four years of acting and writing it's quite a change. I work with a few people from Middlebury." ✳ Kristina Harrison and **Elliott Francis** were married on October 11, 2003. Now living in Fairfax, Va., Elliott is a recruiter and Kristina is a software designer.

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Adam Pascal is the new head men's lacrosse coach at Holy Cross in Worcester, Mass. ✳ Living in Cambridge, Mass., **Jon-Erik Borgen** is finishing up school at Berklee College of Music. "I'm promoting my album *Outside*. Check it out at jeborgenmusic.com." ✳ **Matt Saxton** was sorry to miss reunion, but he had a busy spring, moving from Boston to NYC. He's now working for Columbia University's HIV/AIDS Center at the Mailman School of Public Health. ✳ **Hanni Guinn** has opened her own massage therapy business, Green Mountain Bodywork, in the Battell Block Building on Middlebury's main street. ✳ After spending 2001 and 2002 in and out of the hospital with Inflammatory Bowel Disease, **Adam Consigli** is getting back on his feet and has been working with the U.S. Postal Service since April 2003. He would enjoy hearing from friends at a_consigli@hotmail.com. ✳ Until June, **Alexandra Fuller** was an assistant creative director at a Park City, Utah, advertising agency. On June 26, she married Iverson Brownell ("incredible chef from South Carolina") and the two began an extended work-honeymoon in Greece. Iverson served as the executive chef for the USA House, the U.S. Olympic Commission's hospitality center during the Athens Games, while Alex managed the "front of the house" staff. In mid-September, they were returning to Park City, where Iverson owns a catering business and Alex will work as a free-lance writer. Free time finds them "playing in the mountains on skis, bikes, or foot." ✳ The marriage of **David Sardilli** and Laura Brown took place on March 27. Dave is a consultant with Accenture in Reston, Va., while Laura is a project manager at ICG Commerce in Philadelphia. ✳ A spring concert in Bennington, Vt., featured a newly completed work commissioned by the Sage City Orchestra, titled *Open But Still a Secret*, by **Chris Molina**. Currently a graduate student at the Univ. of Mich. in Ann Arbor, Mich., Chris is music director of the Star Island Conference Center of Portsmouth, N.H., during the summer. ✳ **Matthew Bak** was awarded a doctor of medicine degree at the Univ. of Rochester (N.Y.) School of Medicine on May 16. In June, he began a residency in otolaryngology at Strong Memorial Hospital in Rochester. ✳ **Michael Cormier** recently received his MBA from Duke University's FUGUA School of Business in Durham, N.H. He's an investment banker with Lehman Bros. in NYC. ✳ **Melissa Pruessing** has taken a job with Kmart in Troy, Mich., as director of online marketing. She's looking forward to the opportunity and challenge of rebuilding the national icon.

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Jamie McBride attended the Middlebury Spanish School this summer before moving to St. Louis, Mo., to start an M.A./Ph.D. program in Spanish at Washington Univ. ✳ **Jen Frasier** is starting business school at MIT this fall, after working four years in environmental consulting in Boston. ✳ **Michaela Betty** was starting full time at the Cambridge School of Culinary Arts in September. If anyone is looking for a personal chef in 2005, look her up! ✳ **Stephen Kelly** has moved down to Durham, N.C., to attend the Fuqua School of Business at Duke this fall. ✳ **Michael Baumgardner** recently got his master's in higher education from Columbia. ✳ **Karen Moore** and Jeremy Goldstein were married on June 21, 2003. Since May 9, 2004, however, Karen prefers to be called Dr. Goldstein! Karen graduated from Duke Univ. School of Medicine. ✳ **Garth Corriveau** was awarded a JD/MIPCT (juris doctor/master of intellectual property, commerce and technology) degree from Franklin Pierce Law Center, Concord, N.H., last May. ✳ After a couple of years of working in the Jamaican financial industry, **Renee Minott** (rminott@hotmail.com) decided to pursue her MBA at Columbia this fall: "I'm really excited, and look forward to reconnecting to members of the Middlebury family living in the NYC area." ✳ **Isaac Ro** has accepted a new position as an equity research analyst at Leerink Swann in Boston. He recently made a quick trip up to Middlebury: "We celebrated 27 years of Ultimate Frisbee at Midd with a huge reunion that reached back to the class of '79!" ✳ After finishing up his Ph.D. at Oxford this summer, **Toby Dougherty** was moving to NYC in August to start work with BCG. ✳ **Maya Paul** was moving to San Francisco at summer's end to take a new position with the Jesuit Volunteer Corps: Southwest in San Francisco's Mission District. ✳ **Kevin Locraft**, who has been living in Las Vegas, Nev., for the past year, was recently promoted to senior strategy analyst at GES Exposition Services (a large convention company). ✳ After spending about three years working in Hong Kong and meeting his wife, Fara Kul (Stanford '00), **Jimmy Xu** is now back in the U.S. Their wedding was held on May 3, 2003, in Shanghai. Middlebury friends in attendance were Matt Holmes '99, Kate Sauer '99, and **Gina Duff**. Recently, Jimmy and Fara also saw Kang Yue '99 and Mei Robertson '01 in southern California. ✳ Ben and **Christa Leonard Abbott** welcomed their first child, John Foster Abbott, on April 23. ✳ **Timothy Goad** (timothy.goad@us.army.mil) is serving at headquarters, 4th Psychological Operations Group (Airborne) at Fort Bragg, N.C. Drop him a line!

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Our classmates still continue to begin new jobs, embark on interesting travels, and move to fun locations. And now we have entered a new phase of adulthood—Middlebury weddings! On a bright blue day in June, **Katie Bender** and **Pete Commons** were married in a small ceremony on Martha's Vineyard. Congratulations to them and to **Bob Bryan** and Jessica Silverman '00, who were married on June 19 in Mead Chapel by prof. David Rosenberg, justice of the peace. Bob's best man was his brother Dan Bryan '98. In attendance at the wedding and the Waybury Inn reception were **Peter Jacoby, Kelvin Roldan, Melanie Rausch, Corey Wilk, Kate Griffiths, Jameson Tweedie, Laura Yee, Matthew Arnould, Leslie Fox, Tim Boarini, Tim O'Keefe, Ellen Guettler, Brent Boscarino, Jess Widay, Chris Cheang, Nick Reeb, Chris Paul**, and **Jason Lemire**. Following the wedding, Bob and Jessica spent a week on the Mayan Riviera in Mexico. ✳ Congratulations also to Ana Restrepo and **Rob Reis**, who were married in San Francisco in May. ✳ **Jackie Spring** moved from NYC to San Francisco in July, after a going away party with Katie Tallon '02. ✳ **Adeeb Mahmud** left his biotech business development job at CombinatoRx in Boston to start graduate school this fall. During his house hunt, he unexpectedly ran into **Will Mason**, who helped him find an apartment near Harvard Square. "As my classes draw nearer, I find myself thinking more and more about the fun times at Midd," writes Adeeb. ✳ After spending the summer working with the U.S. Speaker of the House's press office in D.C., **Becky Ruby** is finishing up graduate school in Boston. ✳ **Kristen Lyall** is starting her doctorate in epidemiology at Harvard School of Public Health this fall. ✳ **Sarah Theall** was a summer associate at Goulston & Storrs in Boston. She's now in her third year at Northeastern Law School. ✳ **Jason Ienner** graduated from Fordham Law School and was studying for the NY Bar Exam. He was deciding whether to take a job at an entertainment law firm or an A&R position at Epic Records, both starting in October. ✳ **Susan Parsons** is pursuing her master's in international education at the School for International Training (SIT) in Brattleboro, Vt. ✳ **Courtney Brocks** has been working as a seasonal educator at the Crow Canyon Archeological Center in Cortez, Colo. She headed back to Woodstock, Vt., to co-direct an outdoor education camp for the summer, then began graduate studies in secondary education at UNH. ✳ **Sydney Copp** had plans to attend UVM's graduate school in education this fall. ✳ After two years in publishing in Philadelphia and one year studying at Syracuse, **Nicholas Kuckel** started graduate school in mathematics this fall at UMass Amherst—despite having been a history major at

Midd! ✳ In Pleasantville, N.Y., **Sam McVey** teaches sixth grade Spanish and coaches football and basketball. He recently got his master's in the instruction of Spanish at Manhattanville College, and has already begun a second master's at Fordham towards a degree in educational leadership. He sees **James Rudolf** and **Victor Shaio** from time to time. ✳ After three years attending graduate school at Mich. State Univ., **Kelly Knapp** moved to Rochester, N.Y., to begin an internship in school psychology. She encourages Midd alums in the Syracuse-Rochester-Buffalo area to contact her. In June, Kelly visited friends in northern Sweden, where she enjoyed 23 hours of daylight each day! ✳ **Rachel Rackow** was in Geneva, Switzerland, for a summer internship at the World Health Organization, reproductive health and rights department. This fall, she started medical school at a joint program between Dartmouth and Brown. While in Geneva, she ran into Justin Graf '02, an intern with the UN. ✳ **Tamsen Fricke** is working in Ecuador as a flower exporter. ✳ Returning to the U.S. in August after a few years in Taipei, Taiwan, **David ("J.C.") Ladley** was looking forward to preparing for medical school. ✳ **Molly Holmberg** traveled the world with a Watson Fellowship, exploring and mapping rural landscapes. Now living in Orono, Maine, Molly has a Web site (www.mollymaps.com) "seeking ways to apply the aesthetics of hand-drawn birds-eye views and maps to modern needs for landscape representation, spatial orientation, local sense of place." ✳ **Lisa Mase** was selected as a recipient of this year's Women in Business Advocate Awards, for assisting "numerous women in creating more vibrant lives for themselves, their families, and their communities." Since December 2002, Lisa has been working to help get the newly established Vermont Women's Business Center in Montpelier off to a successful start. ✳ **Sara Cogan** writes, "I am living in Portland, Ore., with a nice Midd contingency. In fact, there are so many of us here that we call this place 'Midd West.' For instance, **Andrew Dutterer** is quickly rising in ranks at a local law firm. **Adam Taylor** is building housing developments in nearby Beavertron, Ore. He just bought his first duplex. Unfortunately, I missed the Midd alumni reunion that he hosted at a local pub/brewery, but I heard there was a great turnout. I see a lot of **Kathy Batty** and **Dave Gurtman**, who were heading to Alaska for the summer. I am eagerly awaiting the return of **Jer Schreiner**, who has been teaching English in Prague but has thought about returning to Oregon. As for me, I just started work on an organic farm. I'm enjoying working in the sun."
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Julia Bergofsky has been named women's lacrosse coach at Goucher College in Baltimore. Her sister, Michele '06, helped the Middlebury women's lacrosse team to this year's NCAA Division III title. ✳ **Amanda Hakemian** passed her qualifying exam for candidacy in the chemistry Ph.D. program at Northwestern University: "I'm loving living in Chicago, but miss the mountains of Vermont!" ✳ **Emily Greenstein** finished up her second year of medical school at NYU, but took a weekend off to cheer for **Mark Roche** as he ran the Boston Marathon alongside **James Monro** and **Aaron Fine**. ✳ **Brian Ferry** pulled off organizing yet another impressive alumni event at the second annual Harbor Cruise in NYC, while studying hard for the LSATS. Once again, we made extra sure that no one fell off the side of the boat, specifically **Kirsten Sichler** and **Emily Hatch**. The event drew the attendance of 155 Midd alums. Many arrived dressed to impress. Among the red carpet crowd was **Stefan Nowicki** and his entourage. **Pete Rosenblum** has left NYC where he has been for the last two years and taken off to California to strut his stuff in the sun. ✳ **Megan Sands** has switched jobs. She's now hailing from Cline Davis, a medical advertising firm. ✳ **Matt Stenmark** is going to med school in Colorado and was conducting studies of tumor cells in Boston this summer. ✳ **Khalilah Walters** began her studies at Harvard Law School this September. ✳ **Liz Beetem** is attending Harvard School of Education this fall for a master's in reading specialist. ✳ **Amanda Wiegand** is in dental school at Tufts: "I love Boston, but miss Middlebury!" ✳ **Julie Palombo** is teaching French at the Fay School in Southborough, Mass. ✳ **Whitney Wilken** spent last year in Germany, teaching English to German businessmen. ✳ **Dana Chapin** returned from a trip to New Zealand and prepared to move to California to teach. ✳ **Jon Simmons** is working for Priceline.com in Stamford, Conn. Yo! Simmons, can you hook a sistah up with some tickets? ✳ **Park Cogswell** spent a year in Jackson Hole guiding trips to Bali. Word has it Park is still teaching Voodoo lessons. ✳ **Meghan Dwyer** is moving to California to start graduate school. ✳ **Katharine Wolf** is managing a Taco Bell location in Newark, N.J. ✳ **Jesse Hooker** recently moved to NYC in pursuit of continuing his acting career. ✳ **Steve Washburn** is getting his MBA in Stamford, Conn., while working at a consulting firm. ✳ **Anne Alfano** is doing absolutely nothing, except writing this column.
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Kyle Dezotell is the new head soccer coach for Vermont's Johnson State Univ. ✳ **Julie Baroody**, who grew up in Blue Hill, Maine, returned for a 10-week internship there at the Marine Environmental Research Institute's development/outreach department. ✳ **Jamie McInerney** recently took on the role of systems administrator for Rep. Ellen Tauscher (D-Calif.). ✳ **Kate Pentkowski** is living in NYC, working at Marlborough Gallery. ✳ During the summer, **Daniela Salaverry** was a field instructor for Montana Outdoor Science School's new Yellowstone Adventures program. ✳ A student at Harvard Law School, **Shihani DeSilva** had the opportunity to work with the World Bank in DC during the summer. ✳ **Ellen Tompsett** spent the past year in India with Global Ministries, teaching English, music, and computers. ✳ **Stephanie Savell** was awarded a Fulbright grant, providing 10 months to study in Benin, Africa. Her topic involves "anthropology field study of the effects of cultural tourism on the Ditammari." ✳ **Samia Amin** received a 2004 Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Graduate Scholarship, the largest scholarships offered by any private foundation in the U.S. (up to $50,000 annually for the length of her graduate degree program). Samia intends to pursue a master's in public policy at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government. She is committed to promoting universal literacy and improved public education in her native Pakistan.
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Members of the Class of 2004 seemed to have wasted no time in their quests to take on the world: **Paul "Mr. B" Barnwell, Ashley McBride**, and **Alex Moody** are all getting teaching certifications in Louisville, Ky. Paul reports that he'll be working in the lowest performing school in the state and is excited for the challenge. ✳ **Libby Meyers** moved to NYC, where she's working on her master's in education at Bankstreet. **Mary Clare Feldmann, Susan Reagan, Anna Rita Pergolizzi, Gillian Wood, Kelly Feeney,** and **Jessica Peterson** are all teaching in and around the NYC metro area. ✳ Another Teacher for America is **Josh Harper**, who has a new job teaching second grade: "I'm beyond psyched to work hard to make a difference for my students!" He invites visitors in Phoenix. ✳ **Alicia Mertz** and **Dave Wisner** are teaching in Tunisia and Morocco (respectively); **Cragin Brown** will be teaching in Munich. ✳ After leading a summer Putney tour in Spain, **Jeanette Lam** is in NYC, paralegaling along with **Katy Hall, Philippe Danielides, Sarah Dye, Brendan Johnson, Kate Spector, Jess Kosciewicz, Jesslyn Tiao**, and **Meredith Sands**. **Samir Ahmed** and **Derek Mahoney** are living together in Manhattan and eating a lot of pie. **Kat Herring** is extremely busy working for Harper Collins, but reports seeing **Meghan Keenan** in her spare time. **Peter Simon** has also been in the New York area, and runs into **Jason Farkas** periodically. ✳ **Morgan Jones** (mojobboy@hotmail.com) spent the summer interning at the Office of the Public Advocate in Brooklyn and choreographing a break-dancing piece for his church. Then he left for China to study for the year. ✳ The Middlebury roommate contingent appears to be strong, including the likes of **Doug Haber** and **Ngetha Waithaka**, **Justin Garrison** and **Chris Grant**, **Andrew Feinberg** and **Heather Barrington**, **Julia Herwood** and **Libby Meyers,** and **Megan McElroy, Martha Goebel, Michaela Dietz**, and **Amanda Pullins**. ✳ **Cristina Lagasse** spent the summer in the Boston area, then returned to Vermont to work with high-school-age students with learning disabilities. Also returning to Vermont are **Jean Butler** and **Dave Nikiel**, who are assistant coaches in hockey and football, respectively. ✳ **Taylor Swift** spent her summer working for *Sports Illustrated* at the Olympic games, along with **Philippe Danielides**, in Greece. Returning to NYC, she continues working at Crossroads Films. ✳ **Athenia Fischer** is working at Kaplan Inc. as a school relationship manager. She's looking forward to alumni events in the future, in order to see all the friends she misses from Midd. ✳ **Tom Molnar** would like all recent alums to know that he's more than willing to help anyone with their upcoming moves. He spent the summer in his native New Hampshire, resume-building at his favorite moving company. ✳ **Cameron Penwell** is interning at Pasona, Ltd., Japan's largest human resources solutions company, where he's learning the ins and outs of Japanese corporate sales and planning an unofficial Tokyo Midd alumni gathering. ✳ Proverb (aka **Dan Russell**) moved back to Paris to start a Middlebury master's program in French. In his spare time he still aspires to be a French rapper. ✳ **Amy Dorrien** is also going back to Europe for a Middlebury master's program in Spanish. ✳ **Mike**

LANGUAGE SCHOOLS

English

After 17 years, **Wesley McNair** (M.A. '68) has stepped down as the director of the Creative Writing Program at the Univ. of Maine at Farmington. He has taught at Colby College, Dartmouth, and Colby Sawyer, as well as the Univ. of Maine. He has been on the nominating jury for the 2002 Pulitzer Prize in poetry, received fellowships from the Fulbright, Rockefeller, and Guggenheim foundations, won an Emmy award, and has nine volumes of poetry in circulation. ✷ **Herb Meyer** (M.A. '71) has written a coming-of-age novel, *Slou; Slou—Quick, Quick* , available through 1stBooks. ✷ As of June 30, **John Fox** (M.Litt '78) retired as headmaster and chaplain of Stuart Hall (Staunton, Va.). During a sabbatical year, he is pursuing a doctorate in ministry and serving as consultant during the change in Stuart Hall's leadership. He continues as rector of St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Hot Springs, a post he has held since 2000. During his tenure, Stuart Hall more than doubled its enrollment, instructional space, and acreage. ✷ **John F. Miller** (M.A. '78) has become the first lay person to serve as principal of Cathedral High School in Springfield, Mass. ✷ An Army veteran of 10 years, **Peter Weddle** (M.A. '78) is editor and publisher of Weddle's, a print publisher of guides and directories to the more than 40,000 job boards and career portals on the Internet. The author or editor of more than 20 books, he also offers professional advice in columns that appear in the *Wall Street Journal* interactive edition and in his company's free-bi-weekly e-newsletter (www.weddles.com). ✷ **Marsha Robinson Looysen** is the drama director at Minot (N.D.) High School, where she teaches English, theater, and drama. ✷ **Douglas Wood** (M.A. '97) left his post on the Tennessee State Board of Education at the end of June to become founding executive director of Columbia University's National Academy for Excellent Teaching in NYC. ✷ The marriage of **Julie Pelkan-Coleman** (M.A. '00) and D.J. Glusker took place on March 27 at Pelkan Ranch and Vineyard. They live in Park City, Utah. ✷ **Marcella Pixley** (M.Litt '00) is teaching grade eight language arts at the Carlisle (Mass.) School. ✷ Pulitzer Prize-winning poet **Paul Muldoon** (Bread Loaf faculty) received an honorary Doctor of Letters degree from Middlebury in May. Born in Ireland, he moved to the U.S. in 1987. In addition to teaching at Bread Loaf, he is a widely-acclaimed poet, a prof. of poetry at the Univ. of Oxford, and the Howard G.B. Clark '21 University Professor in the Humanities at Princeton.

French

Miguel Encinias (M.A. '61), a veteran of three wars, served on the World War II Memorial advisory board and attended the gala dedication of the memorial in May. One of the original 12 members of the commission, Miguel was one of four veterans appointed in September 1994 by President Clinton. He is the only one who lived to see the project completed. The project honors thousands of men and women who served in World War II, many of them entering service in their teens. He was one of those. ✷ **Eileen Zaledonis** (M.A. '65), a supervisor in the reading clinic at Millersville Univ., has been elected to the board of the Citizens Scholarship Foundation of Lancaster County, Pa. ✷ **Virginia C. Robbins** (M.A. '72), a partner in the Syracuse law firm of Bond, Schoeneck & King LLP, was named chair of the New York State Bar Association's environmental law section. ✷ **Linda E. Fosselman** (M.A. '76) is profiled as a multiple award nominee in the eighth edition of *Who's Who Among America's Teachers, 2004.* A teacher of five levels of French at Central Dauphin East Senior High School in Harrisburg, Pa., Linda writes: "After 30 years of teaching, I continue to attribute my success and love of teaching to the Ecole Française experience at Middlebury College." ✷ **Frances Irvine** (M.A. '76) and Andrew McLaren were married on July 10 in Norwalk, Conn. She is the assistant headmistress of the New Canaan (Conn.) Country School. ✷ New York magazine journalist **Nina Munk** (M.A. '84) is the author of *Fools Rush In: Steve Case, Jerry Levin, and the Unmaking of AOL Time Warner* (HarperBusiness, 2004). ✷ The June 18 marriage of **Christopher Rivers** (M.A. '84) and Christopher Miller took place at their home in Granby, Mass. They met in 1984 at Yale, where both received doctorates in French. Chris Rivers is a prof. of French at Mount Holyoke College, where he was dean of international affairs from 1997 to 2000. His scholarly edition and his translation of the 19th-century novel *Mademoiselle Giraud, Ma Femme*, by Adolphe Belot, were published by the Modern Language Association in 2002. Chris Miller is the Frederick Clifford Ford Prof. of African-American Studies and French at Yale. ✷ Professor and author **Lee Ryan Miller** ('93, '94; German '91, '92) has written *Teaching Amidst the Neon Palm Trees* (AuthorHouse, 2004), "a true story of sex, money, and politics that reads like a novel," according to PrimeZone Media Network. While teaching at a community college in Las Vegas, the author was apparently caught up in a scandal involving some of the most powerful figures in the state. ✷ **Lisa Hauser Bowen** (M.A. '96) is the owner and director of Global Horizons Culture and Language Center in Whitehall, Pa.

Italian

Ruth Lakeway (M.A. '47) was honored recently as a 50-year member of the Music Teachers National Association. A college voice professor for 34 years, she taught at the Western College for Women (Oxford, Ohio) and at Skidmore College (Saratoga Springs, N.Y.), where she retired as professor emerita in 1988. ✷ **Leslie Zarker-Morgan** (M.A. '75), an associate prof. of modern languages and literatures at Loyola College in Maryland, received a Fulbright as a research scholar in France. An Italian specialist, she is living in Lyon, France, this fall to collaborate on a book with a specialist in Old French. Working title: *A New Synthesis of Franco-Italian Epic.* ✷ **Jack Street** (M.A. '83) has coauthored *The Italian Theater of the Grotesque: A New Theater for the Twentieth Century. An Anthology* (Edwin Mellen Press). With his Ph.D. from the Univ. of Iowa (1964), Jack is Harry C. Moore Professor of Modern Languages at Beloit College in Beloit, Wis. ✷ This summer, **Laura Williams-Sweeney** (M.A. '88) got her doctoral degree in education at Nova Southeastern Univ. in Florida. Her dissertation integrates computer-art critiques to teach English as a second language. She's teaching ESOL, working as an artist, and writing her first fictional book.

Spanish

James Mauch (M.A. '57), prof. emeritus from the Univ. of Pittsburgh, has coauthored the fifth edition of *Guide to the Successful Thesis and Dissertation: A Handbook for Students and Faculty.* ✷ **Diane Debacher Conway** (M.A. '72) retired after 12 years as a guidance counselor at Tantasqua (Mass.) Regional High School. Dee had previously been a Spanish teacher for 23 years for the Northampton Public Schools. ✷ **Melissa Rogers Young** was selected Teacher of the Year for 2004 by the Georgia Chapter of the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese. ✷ **Amy Lancaster** ('02, '03) is *bien animada* about becoming the assistant director of programs abroad at Wofford College, her alma mater, in Spartanburg, S.C. She plans to teach an introductory Spanish class in the spring. ✷ **Jay Rossi** (M.A. '94), wife Julie, and daughter Isabella (3 in September) moved to Glen Ridge, N.J., at the end of 2003. "On May 6, we welcomed our second child, Evan Spencer, who is already showing operatic tendencies. His soprano voice talent may be just what the Italian Language School is looking for. Class of 2027?" ✷ **Diego Izurieta** (M.A. '02) and wife Gaby Alvarez welcomed daughter Ana Martina Izurieta on December 27, 2003. They are living in Long Beach, Calif.

Kirkland was driving out West in the fall "to be a ski bum in the Rockies or a ski instructor or a DJ at an oldies radio station." Maybe he'll be lucky enough to run into **Lissa James**, who fled the Northeast and remains impossible to contact via cell phone. ✷ **Ameer Qalbani** wants friends to visit him in L.A., where he has started a job at Goldman. ✷ We heard that **Jake Carney** and **Raj Mathur** are welcoming visitors in D.C. ✷ **Chris Shields**, who's been working on the Kerry campaign, encourages us all to vote accordingly in the upcoming election. ✷ **Peter Garcia-Sjogrim** is running around the world, eight to ten miles per day. Of course, Hugh Marlow '57 supplied him with a Middlebury Banner, so he'll have photos of himself, with the banner, from some 27 countries. ✷ **Joshua Williams** won the Moffet Award from the Center for the Study of the Presidency for the most original Presidential Fellows paper. This national distinction came with a framed award and a $1,500 cash prize. ✷ **Brian Hoyer** was one of two students nationally to receive the first annual Forum for Undergraduate Research Awards for his senior thesis. Titled "Nipe, Nikupe: Dependency, Reciprocity, and Paradoxes of Food Aid in Lugufu Refugee Camp, Kigoma, Tanzania," Brian's thesis was judged one of the best examples of undergraduate student research in education abroad. ✷ We hope everyone continues to stay in contact in the future! Remember to e-mail us with your submissions—we're going to find you one way another!

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25 **Ralph B. Eddy**, 101, of Seminole, Fla., on July 3, 2004. A retired chemist, he moved to Florida from Nutley, N.J., in 1971. Preceded in death by wife Lily (Rothwell) and two daughters, he leaves son Ralph R. Eddy '50, daughter-in-law Patricia Cloutier Eddy '50, six grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren.

28 **Marjorie Cross Smith**, 97, of Sarasota, Fla., on May 22, 2004. Born in Worcester, Mass., she came to Sarasota in 1967 from West Hartford, Conn. She was a past president of the Middlebury College Club of Hartford and a member of West Hartford Congregational Church. Survivors include son Wendell F. Smith Jr. '53, daughter Shirley Smith Morefield '56, daughter-in-law Mary Dickey Smith '57, six grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren. Deceased Middlebury relatives include sister Pauline Cross Whitney '27 and brother-in-law Percy T. Whitney '25.

Elizabeth Stoughton Westfall, 96, of Rydal, Pa., on May 4, 2004. She taught Latin and civics in Schenevus, N.Y., prior to her marriage to Arthur J. Westfall. For many years, they lived in Elsmere, N.Y., where she was a homemaker and an active member of the Methodist Church. Predeceased by her husband in 1996, by sister Margaret Stoughton '30 in 1931, and by brother Roger W. Stoughton '27 in 1957, she leaves son Richard S. Westfall '56, daughter Barbara Gordon, six grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren.

30 **Ellis A. Bemiss**, 93, of Melrose, Mass., on August 11, 2004. He was a sales consultant with Charles Scribner and Sons Publishing Company for 45 years. A former dean of the New England Bookmen's Association, he was also a member of the University Club of Boston. His wife of 67 years, Kathleen (Painter), a distant relative of Gamaliel Painter, survives him. He also leaves sons Geoffrey and Alan, five grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

32 **May Clark Stevens**, 96, of South Burlington, Vt., on June 12, 2004. Her marriage to Joseph K. Stevens took place in 1932; he died 56 years later. She was active in the Episcopal church, most recently at All Saints in South Burlington. A dedicated volunteer, she gave hundreds of hours of service to Community General Hospital (Syracuse, N.Y.) and Fletcher Allen Health Care (Burlington). Predeceased by her husband, son Murray, and a brother, she leaves son Henry, daughter Barbara, eight grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

35 **Frances Lamson Seager**, 90, of Brandon, Vt., on August 28, 2004. After attending Chandler Secretarial School in Boston, she did secretarial work and bookkeeping for her husband's businesses. While living in Rutland, she was a member of Grace Congregational Church. She served as organist for the Ladies Oriental Shrine and was a pianist for the Ladies Chorus of the Shrine Oriac Club. Predeceased by son Stuart Seager in 1995, she is survived by husband Guy F. Seager, daughter Shirley Sanderson, four grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren.

36 **Angus M. Brooks**, 91, of Barre, Vt., on August 29, 2004. After graduating from the Univ. of Rochester (N.Y.) Medical School (1940) and a residency at Hartford (Conn.) Hospital, he served in the Navy Medical Corps (1942-1946). An anesthesiologist, he was head of the anesthesia department at Concord Hospital, where he worked for 25 years. He retired in 1978 from New London Hospital. An avid outdoorsman and athlete, he purchased his last bicycle at age 87. For his humanitarian volunteer work, he was named the Vermont Elder of the Year in 2003. He was a dedicated class secretary for the Class of 1936. Predeceased by wife Kathleen (Twombly) in 2001, he leaves daughters Nancy Brooks Richardson '68 and Meg Kuhner, son David Brooks, eight grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. Other Middlebury survivors include son-in-law David Richardson '66, granddaughters Megan Richardson Durkin '92 and Susanna Richardson Barton '95, and great-nephew Edward Kyle '92. A niece, Susan Brooks Franklin '61, died in 2000.

Stanley A. Gage Jr., 89, of Middlebury, Vt., on June 25, 2004. A 1938 graduate of Harvard Dental School, he enlisted in the U.S. Naval Reserves as a dental officer and served until 1946, mostly in the Pacific theater. He practiced in Yonkers for 39 years, while living in Eastchester, N.Y., and retired to Ripton in 1977. After the death of his wife, Wilma (Schaefer), in December 1996, he moved to Gorham Lane in Middlebury. An avid skier, golfer, tennis player, and member of the National Ski Patrol, he also volunteered for the Red Cross, Porter Hospital, Meals on Wheels and the Henry Sheldon Museum. Survivors include daughters Phyllis Gage and Nancy Ewen, son David Gage, five grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. Other survivors are nephew Peter A. Ehler '54 and great-nephew Curt G. Ehler '82.

37 **Ruth Schneider Upson**, 88, of New Bern, Conn., on December 20, 2003. She completed graduate courses in library science at Southern Connecticut State College and worked for the Middlebury (Vt.) Public Library for more than 25 years, retiring in 1992. A 55-year resident of Middlebury, she was active in the Congregational Church, the Historical Society, and Friends of the Library. Predeceased by husband Walter G. Upson and by sister Lois Schneider Beach '42, she leaves sons Stephen and Stuart Upson. Other Middlebury relatives include brother-in-law Charles S. Beach '42 and nephew Jeffrey W. Beach '72.

Muriel Voter Williams, 88, of Lexington, Mass., on July 5, 2004. After two years at Middlebury, she graduated from Wheaton College, received a master's from Syracuse, and taught biology at Wheaton and Harvard. A published nature photographer, she was active in the Boston Camera Club, National Photographic Society of America, and Massachusetts Archeology Society. A judge at the Lexington High School science fairs, she sponsored a nature trail and a summer nature-study hour for children. She was the daughter of Perley Conant Voter, Middlebury prof. of chemistry, for whom Voter Hall was named. She was predeceased by husband Carroll M. Williams in 1991, by son John L. Williams in 1959, and by son Peter G. Williams in 1978. Survivors include sons Wesley C. Williams and Roger C. Williams. Deceased Middlebury relatives include uncle Charles A. Danolds '19, aunt Alice Crossland Danolds '21, and cousin Barbara Turkington Kirk '41.

38 **Russell A. Norton**, 87, of Rochester, N.Y., on March 22, 2004. After teaching engineering drawing and descriptive geometry in the Navy's V-12 program at Middlebury, he entered the Army Air Force in 1945. Following discharge in 1946, he taught mathematics, mechanics, and engineering drawing for 33 years at Rochester Institute of Technology. He retired as associate dean of the College of Continuing Education in 1979, but continued to teach on a part-time basis for seven years. Predeceased by wife Frances (Blancate) in 1999, he leaves daughter Nancy Lefebre, son Benjamin Norton, seven grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

41 **Thomas H. Bennett**, 84, of Ithaca, N.Y., on June 20, 2004. A lieutenant in the Navy during World War II, he later earned an MBA from NYU. While living in Westfield, N.J., he was a VP at Manufacturers Hanover Trust in NYC. Moving to Ithaca in 1962, he was president and CEO of First National Bank and Trust until retiring in 1979. He then served with the International Executive Service Corps in Chile and Venezuela. He also served in many positions of leadership in his communities. Survivors include wife Edith Egbert Bennett '39, daughters Carole Erickson and Barbara Sessler, son Robert Bennett, six grandchildren, and two great-granddaughters.

42 **John G. McMann**, 85, of Potsdam, N.Y., on June 10, 2004. After serving in the Army Anti-Aircraft Artillery, he joined the faculty at Potsdam Central School for 36 years. He taught history, coached basketball and baseball, served as director of guidance, as principal, and finally as assistant superintendent. He held a master's from St. Lawrence Univ. Predeceased by wife Catherine (Tobin), he leaves daughters Cathy Nason and Mary McMann and three grandchildren.

Ethel Stark Randall, 83, of Hamilton, N.Y., on July 10, 2004. After two years at Middlebury, she took a secretarial course and worked for 27 years in the dean's office at Colgate College, where her husband was a coach and physical education teacher. Predeceased by husband Mark Randall on February 2, 2004, and by sister Anne Stark McManus '35 in 1988, she leaves two stepsons and several nieces and nephews.

Dorothy Milligan Schuck, 84, of Turlock, Calif., on August 28, 2004. She was employed as an actuarial accountant by the Prudential Insurance Co. in Newark, N.J., until her 1945 marriage to Arthur A. Schuck, a Methodist clergyman. Together they served several churches in California. A volunteer member of the Emanuel Hospital Auxiliary, she also tutored children in math and supported a variety of charitable programs. Predeceased by her husband, she leaves sister Eleanor Milligan Dormont '37, a niece, and a nephew.

43 **George H. Grant**, 83, of Hudson, Ohio, on May 8, 2004. A World War II veteran, he served in the Army Air Corps for four years. He contributed to the defense industry as an electromechanical engineer during his entire career. A longtime choir member at Christ Church Episcopal, he was a driver for the Red Cross for many years after retirement. He leaves wife Beverly Beach Grant '47, daughter Drusilla Weatherby, son Richard Grant, and two grandchildren. Middlebury survivors include brother-in-law Charles S. Beach '42 and nephew Jeffrey W. Beach '72.

Albert P. Hadley, 83, of Hilton Head Island, S.C., on July 10, 2004. During World War II, he was awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious service in

the Battle of the Bulge. After graduating from the law school of Case Western Reserve Univ., he led his own law firm in Cleveland. He volunteered with the regional and district units of the National Ski Patrol. A tennis player most of his life, he turned to sailing in Ohio and later in Maine, where he lived for 25 years before moving to South Carolina. He is survived by wife Elaine Herron Hadley '43 and sons Bruce and John. Middlebury survivors include sister-in-law Nancy Herron Neumeyer '49 and great-nephew Douglas H. Kincade '83.

Vance Richardson, 83, of Portland, Maine, on August 22, 2004. He was a member of a heavy weapons company of the 10th Mountain Division involved in the fighting in northern Italy, 1944-45. He was an educator, administrator, and ski instructor at Gould Academy (Bethel, Maine), at Waynflete School (Portland), and at Falmouth Junior High School, retiring in 1983. He was also a ski instructor at the Sunday River ski area in Newry. Diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease in 1996, he brought attention to the disease and inspired others by sharing his story for a television broadcast. He also volunteered for a research program at Massachusetts General Hospital and donated his brain to the research program. He is survived by wife Janet (Alpers), daughters Carol and Martha, and son Stephen.

Carol Hartman Smith, 82, of Middlebury, Vt., on June 17, 2004. A librarian and playground supervisor at the Middlebury elementary school for 15 years, she was the local coordinator of the American Field Service and served as president of the local Green Mountain Club chapter. An avid cross-country skier, she also served on the board of the Catamount Ski Trail Association. Survivors include her husband, Middlebury Professor Emeritus of Economics David K. Smith '42; daughters Lorren Byrom, Marcy Covey, and Kimberley Spensley; son David K. Smith Jr. '68; and nine grandchildren, including Kristin K. Smith '08. Other Middlebury survivors include brother-in-law Lawrence M. Smith '49 and sister-in-law Jean Smith Davies '49. She was predeceased by brother-in-law James C. Smith II '40.

In Memoriam
Ulysses J. "Tony" Lupien
(1917–2004)

TONY LUPIEN WAS THE COACH of some terrific Middlebury basketball teams in the 1950s, playing all comers—in-state rivals Vermont, St. Michaels, and Norwich; Ivy League schools Dartmouth, Brown and Harvard; Boston University, Army, and the Universities of Massachusetts and Connecticut. His record in his six years at Middlebury (1951-56) against this competition was 60-49, and was 42-23 in the three years Tom Hart '56 was on the team.

Those teams had Hart in the middle, statistically the greatest rebounder in the history of college basketball (he *averaged* 27.6 rebounds a game), the marvelously talented Sonny Dennis '55 and Charlie Sykes '57 at forward, and the aptly named Johnny Hoops '56 and Zip Rausa '57 in the backcourt.

"We had really good teams," Lupien said four years ago. "I'll be darned if I know how these great athletes came to Middlebury, but I was lucky to get there when I did. These guys were like sons to me. We were very close."

Middlebury was Lupien's first coaching job. After graduating from Harvard in 1939, he embarked on a career in baseball, which included eight years in the majors: he was a starter at first base for the Red Sox in 1942 and 1943. In 1956, he left Middlebury for Dartmouth where he began a storied 21-year career as the Big Green baseball coach, winning over 300 games.

Lupien was a man of many talents. When he retired from coaching in 1977, he continued to work as a stockbroker. In 1980, he collaborated with Lee Lowenfish on *The Imperfect Diamond*, a seminal book on the history of baseball's labor problems.

His Middlebury players remember him with great fondness and admiration. Hart says, "He had our immediate respect because he had the experience of being a professional athlete. He taught us teamwork and hard work and he knew how to motivate."

Charlie Sykes, who received an honorary degree from his alma mater in 1992, also recalls Lupien with warm regard: "We all considered him the 'Middlebury Dean of Life Sciences.' It was just so interesting to be around him. He conveyed sides of life beyond the classroom."

Another of Lupien's Middlebury players, Donald "Dee" Rowe '52, who himself went on to a sterling career in athletics, reserves his highest praise for his old coach. "I couldn't respect anyone more," he says. "He came into my life 50 years ago and turned on the lights. I thought I might like to be a coach, but after I met Tony I decided that's all I ever wanted to do."

Lupien is survived by his wife of 50 years, Mildred, and his five daughters, two of whom graduated from Middlebury, Diana Lupien Belcher in 1962 and Elizabeth Lupien in 1977.

—Karl Lindholm '67

44 **Priscilla Bryant Kelly**, 81, of Bath, Maine, on July 8, 2004. A homemaker, she was very active in volunteer work, including as a hospital aide. She served on the altar guild of the Episcopal Church, was president of the Essex Junction Federated Women's Club, and belonged to the Northport (Maine) yacht club. Survivors include husband Frederick C. Kelly '45; son James Kelly; daughters Linda Steele, Nancy Montgomery, and Martha Merchant; 14 grandchildren (including Mary Kelly Montgomery '04); and four great-grandchildren. Deceased Middlebury relatives include cousins Gertrude Cornish Milliken (1901), who served as a Middlebury trustee (1948-1960), and Gertrude M. Bryant '21.

46 **Helene Jacober Siegel**, 80, of Washington, D.C., on August 22, 2004. A bilingual secretary, she also worked at the Securities and Exchange Commission for a time. Aside from three years in Massachusetts, she lived in Washington, D.C., where husband Gerald W. Siegel worked for Lyndon Johnson and was VP at the *Washington Post*. She was a steady volunteer, most frequently for the National Symphony, and an active member of the Kennedy Center Gold Circle and the Cosmos Club. Predeceased by her husband in 2000, she leaves daughter Robin Siegel, son Robert Siegel, and two granddaughters. She is also survived by great-nephew, Craig R. Wasserstrom '05, and she was predeceased by cousins Warren M. Jacober '47 and James L. Jacober '51.

47 **Donald T. Means**, 86, of Gainesville, Va., on May 27, 2004. Entering the Army Air Force during World War II, he flew 56 missions as a navigator and bombardier with the 20th Air Force in the China-Burma-India theater. His military decorations included the Distinguished Flying Cross and two Air Medals. After the war, he earned a B.A. and an M.A. (1949) in Russian at Middlebury. He joined the Army Security Agency (1949-1951) and was recalled to active duty with the Air Force during the Korean War. He retired from the Air Force Reserve as a lieutenant colonel in 1978. His government service included the Army Security Agency (Arlington), the Central Intelligence Agency (Langley), and the National Security Agency (Fort Meade, Md.). After retiring in 1972, he volunteered as a genealogist at the Library of the Mormon Church, Oakton branch, translating records written in old Cyrillic script for library patrons whose ancestors were Germans living in Russian-occupied Poland. Survivors include wife Mary Nasmith Means '46, son Robert, daughter Wendy, four grandchildren, and sister Nancy Means Wright (M.A. French '65). Middlebury survivors include nieces Catharine W. Wright '83 and Lesley A. Wright '92.

In Memoriam

Eve Adler

April 29, 1945-September 4, 2004

Professor Emerita of Classics Eve Adler died in Middlebury on September 4, 2004, after a long illness. She held a B.A. in Hebrew from Queens College, an M.A. in Mediterranean studies from Brandeis, and a Ph.D. in classics from Cornell. She came to Middlebury in September 1978 to teach Greek, Latin, and Hebrew, as well as courses in epic poetry, Greek and Roman tragedy, and the classical tradition of the liberals arts and sciences. During her years as professor and chair of the classics department, she was responsible for reviving the study of classics at the College and building a strong program in classical studies.

At the memorial service at the Robert A. Jones '59 House on September 11, Eve Adler was remembered as a gifted teacher. Chase Kvasnak '05, a three-time student of Adler's, described her as "a professor who knew what her students needed and taught us in a manner that was challenging, inspiring, and spirited." Derek Walker '06 remembered that "she called everyone in the Latin class by their last names. This is not unusual for some professors, but something in the way Ms. Adler did it inspired the entire class to address each other the same way, even outside of class, something we continue to do to this day. Ms. Adler is the only professor I ever dreamed about," said Walker. "When I declared my classics major, I had a dream that I ran into her while walking around campus so that I could tell her the good news. She was so inspiring, that a year after that class I dreamed about her just to tell her how she inspired me."

She was also greatly admired as a scholar, writer, translator, and thinker. Her publications included *Catullan Self-Revelation* (1981); *Philosophy and Law* (1995), a translation of Leo Strauss's *Philosophie und Gesetz*; and *Vergil's Empire: Political Thought in the Aeneid* (2003). "Eve Adler takes a refreshingly novel approach in her recent study of the Aeneid," reports John E. Alvis in a review for the *Claremont Review of Books*. "Adler's study of Vergil distinguishes itself from most current efforts in literary criticism by commenting upon the poem in a manner that develops a continuous course of thought." She thereby, he concludes, "allows readers to locate in Vergil's thinking a model for penetrating an issue as critical for our time as for his."

Adler traveled widely, in recent years to Russia, where she formed many lasting friendships. She spent a year as visiting scholar at the Russian State Humanities University and coedited a *Dictionary of Russian Slang and Colloquial Expressions* (1995).

Charles A. Dana Professor of Political Science Murray Dry closed his eulogy: "We are celebrating Eve's wonderful life. As further evidence of it and of her virtues, she faced her difficult death courageously; fearless herself, she comforted her friends and her family to the very end. She was a remarkable human being. Those who loved her will take comfort in having known her and will continue to learn from her writings."

Memories of Eve Adler are being compiled by Associate Professor of Classics Jane Chaplin. Friends and former students are encouraged to send their comments to her at Twilight Hall.

49 **James E. Coursey**, 79, of Dundalk, Md., on April 17, 2004. A Marine Corps veteran, he served in the Pacific Theater during World War II. He worked for the Baltimore County Public Schools for 31 years, teaching sixth grade, serving as guidance counselor, and retiring as vice principal in 1980. For 12 years, he worked as a civilian with the Military Traffic Management Command, retiring in 1993. Predeceased by wife Mary (Kilpatrick) in December 2003, he leaves son Michael and daughters Sharon and Heather.

Jean Aberle Dietz, 76, of Mountainhome, Pa., on August 6, 2004. A German major, she also studied languages at Middlebury (French Language School, summer 1945; German Language School, summer 1950), at the Univ. of Zurich (summer 1948), and at Lehigh Univ. (1967, 1968). In addition to her work in advertising, she taught German language and civilization at Temple Univ. for five years and at Penn State Univ. (Wilkes-Barre) for 15 years, retiring in 1999. She also worked for the Monroe County Historical Society in Stroudsburg. Predeceased by husband John Jay Dietz, she leaves son David Dietz, daughter Marsha Hallet, and three grandchildren.

Merilyn Lodge Emerich, 76, of Colonie, N.Y., on August 21, 2004. She worked in her family "dry goods" store, B. Lodge & Co. of Albany, until she left to raise her children. She was a member of the Roessleville Presbyterian Church, the Bethlehem Grange, the Colonie Art League, and the Albany Artists Group. Predeceased by husband Robert W. Emerich in November 2000, she leaves son Scott Emerich, twin daughters Deborah E. Blanken and Dianne E. Tiedemann, and four grandchildren.

Joel J. Lamere Jr., 83, of Jackson Hole, Wyo., in May of 2004. He attended Middlebury after serving in World War II. His tank crew fought through Germany and into Czechoslovakia, where they liberated two concentration camps. After graduating from Middlebury, he and wife Sylvia (Bambi) Ellsworth Lamere '50 lived in Waterbury Center, East Hardwick, and Morristown, Vt. He worked in food sales and then pursued a tax-consulting career. He loved the out-of-doors, alpine skiing, camping, fishing, hunting, and horse back riding. Predeceased by his wife in 1999, he leaves son Michael Lamere, daughters Peggy Struhsacker and Kate Mead, and three grandchildren. Deceased Middlebury relatives include mother Katherine Hobbs Lamere '16, father Joel J. Lamere '16, aunt Emily Hobbs Thompson '23, and uncle Samuel J. Thompson '23. A cousin, S. James Thompson Jr. '52, survives.

Albert P. Lehman, 77, of Bethany, Conn., on June 2, 2004. An Army Air Corps veteran of World War II, he worked in his family-owned business, Lehman Brothers Engraving, for 55 years, serving as president since 1973. He served on the boards of the Long Wharf Theatre, the Creative Arts Workshop, Neighborhood Music School, and the Arts Council of Greater New Haven. He and his wife, Ann (Podoloff), enjoyed horseback riding, at home and on foreign riding vacations. In addition to his wife, he leaves sons Eric and Peter Lehman, daughter Eve Perkins, and six grandchildren.

50 **Virginia Worley Valpey**, 76, of Durham, N.C., on August 11, 2004. She was an officer with the Central Intelligence Agency for 27 years. In the Washington, D.C., area, she organized and directed a madrigal society that continued for more than 25 years. In 1986, she and husband Allen Valpey helped to organize the Unitarian Universalist congregation of the Outer Banks. Besides her husband, she is survived by son Gregory Valpey, daughters Cameron Tucker and Anne Valpey, and six grandchildren.

William A. Williams Jr., 78, of Sarasota, Fla., on August 8, 2004. As a pilot, he served in the Army Air Forces during World War II and retired in 1967, after serving in the Korean War and the Vietnam War. He moved to Sarasota in 1967 from Plattsburgh, N.Y. Survivors include his wife of 54 years, Carola Shelley Williams '48, and son Douglas Williams.

Patricia Wulp, 75, of Ann Arbor, Mich., on July 27, 2004. With a master's in social work (Simmons College, 1958), she was the associate director for the Overseas Education Fund of Latin American Programs for the League of Women Voters. She later served for 25 years as a counselor at the Univ.

of Michigan Center for the Continuing Education of Women. Until a short time before her death, she was active in the Interfaith Council for Peace and Justice, the League of Women Voters, the Huron Valley chapter of the UN Association of the U.S.A, and Zonta, an international organization honoring professional women. She leaves a sister and three nephews.

51 **Frank J. Nicholson**, 89, of Greenwich, Conn., on May 24, 2004. He served as a registrar in the 187th General Hospital Battalion during World War II. He earned diplomas from the Universite de Grenoble (1946) and from the Sorbonne (1954). After teaching French at the Casady School in Oklahoma for five years, he taught French and Latin at Greenwich Country Day School from 1956 until his retirement in 1983. An active volunteer for the library, continuing education, and literacy, he received an award for his volunteer service at Greenwich Hospital and was named volunteer of the year (2002) by the Historical Society. Predeceased by wife Marion (Morss), he leaves daughters Margaret Nicholson and Janet Nicholson, and three grandchildren.

53 **Guttorm Berge**, 74, of Hoevik, Norway, on March 13, 2004. For 10 years, he represented Norway in international skiing competitions. He skied in the Olympics in St. Moritz in 1948 and placed third in the giant slalom at the 1952 Olympics. Other accomplishments included the Norwegian national championship in giant slalom in 1958. While a student at Middlebury, he skied in competitions in the U.S., Canada, and Europe. He left Middlebury in January 1954 to join the Norwegian FIS Championship team. With a degree in business adinistration from Harvard Univ., he was the former president of Swix Ski Corporation. He taught his friends and family to love camping, hunting, and fishing. Survivors include wife Gro; children Helene, Christian, and Inger; and several grandchildren.

Frederick D. Klee, 85, of Fairfield, Conn., on May 24, 2004, at the home of his son in San Miguel De Allende, Mexico. An Army veteran of World War II, he held a master's (1954) and sixth-year certificate in teaching (1961) from Harvard. He taught history at Fairfield's Andrew Warde High School until his retirement in 1980. He is survived by former wife Ildara Elmore Klee '51, son John Klee, daughters Linda Devlin and Grace Klee, and three grandchildren.

54 **Alfred J. MacClurg III**, 72, of Marcellus, N.Y., on August 23, 2004. An Air Force veteran, he served as a jet pilot. Having retired from a building and insurance business, he coached children's sports, including Little League, Pop Warner, youth hockey, and tennis. He survived five years after receiving a kidney transplant. Surviving are wife Suzanne (Darling), daughters Christi and Jennifer, sons Bill and Bob, and two grandchildren.

Erik Ryge, 70, of Copenhagen, Denmark, on May 8, 2004. He was a captain in the Royal Danish Airforce Reserve. With an MBA (Copenhagen Business School), he worked in managerial marketing, was CEO of a Danish film company, was secretary general for the Danish Mail Order Association, and was editor-in-chief of a travel trade magazine. He also anchored a national television program on Danish and international business. A keyboard artist, he toured Europe with Victor Borge for 10 years. He leaves wife Inge (Nissen) and three daughters.

55 **Arthur C. Heublein**, 70, of Jupiter, Fla., on June 28, 2004. Joining his family's company, Heublein Inc., he was involved in the production of Grey Poupon Mustard and A1 Steak Sauce, was brand manager of Smirnoff Vodka and Club Cocktails, and was southeast regional director of the company. An avid mariner, he designed and developed the Cruiser Watch Hill 32. He leaves wife Priscilla, sons Gilbert and Andrew, daughter Irene, stepchildren Nina and Carlo Pucillo, two grandchildren, and two step-grandchildren.

60 **Russell L. Hoyt**, 67, of Darien, Conn., on July 24, 2004. He was a veteran of the Marine Corps. His late father, Lawrence W. Hoyt, opened a bookstore in 1933; by 1948, the business had grown to a chain of 250 locations. Becoming the CEO in the 1960s, Russell Hoyt grew the business to 750 locations by 1981, making Walden Books the largest independent bookstore chain in the nation and the first to operate in all 50 states. He was a member of the Stamford Yacht Club, the New York Yacht Club, and the Ida Lewis Yacht Club; he was former commodore of the Storm Trysail Club. His wife of 42 years, Linda (Hamilton), died of multiple myeloma on July 22, 2004. He is survived by daughters Leslie McKellar, Caroline Schoudel, Catherine Hoyt; son David Hoyt; and six grandchildren.

63 **Preston Lea Talcott**, 63, of Manchester, Vt., on July 16, 2004, of esophageal cancer. With a pilot's license earned in ROTC training as a Middlebury student, he served after college as an Army officer and served in Vietnam (1966-67), achieving 650 missions as pilot in command of a helicopter gunship. He was shot down twice and awarded the Purple Heart and the Vietnamese Medal of Honor. After working for Bloomingdales in NYC for four years, he was the art and giftware buyer at Orvis in Manchester for 27 years, traveling worldwide for new products. A member of the Manchester Rescue Squad for 15 years, he also volunteered for the American Red Cross. He is survived by wife Diana (Blackhall), sons Edward and Andrew, daughter Alexandra Burns, a granddaughter, brother Thayer Talcott Jr. '60, and sister Carol Ackland. Middlebury survivors include cousins Russell Y. Smith '55, Kristin T. Smith '84, Todd R. Smith '86, and Reid V. Smith '90.

66 **William White Sumner**, 60, of Lincoln, Vt., on August 15, 2004, in an accident while mowing a community recreation trail near his home on Lincoln Gap Road. While a student at Middlebury, he was a varsity soccer player, president of Delta Upsilon fraternity, and a member of the Army ROTC. Following his graduation, he served a two-year tour of duty in Vietnam in the U.S. Army, as a reconnaissance Bird Dog pilot. During his tour, Will received the Purple Heart medal. He returned to the U.S. and spent an additional year of active duty as a flight instructor. Following active duty, he continued as a helicopter pilot in the Vermont Army National Guard, retiring in 1987 after 21 years of military service. In 1972, he joined Air North, a regional airline in Burlington. He served first as a pilot and later as vice president and director of flight operations. He also raised Black Angus cows throughtout the 1970s and '80s, and

In Memoriam

William White Sumner '66
November 6, 1943–August 15, 2004

Will Sumner's family, friends, and neighbors remembered him on August 20, 2004, at a beautiful, simple white United Church in the small mountain village of Lincoln, Vermont. They recalled a loving father, a good neighbor, a man who loved the sea and the land, and a man who faced life's challenges with temerity and laughter. He died so suddenly and unexpectedly that one relative exclaimed, with tears in her eyes, "This is crazy . . . Willie should be here." And, indeed, his spirit filled the church and spread among those gathered later on the Ireland-green grass by his farm homestead at the foot of Mount Abraham.

At first I knew Will Sumner from afar. We attended Middlebury at the same time and lived across the street from each other; he was a member of Delta Upsilon, while I was in Sigma Epsilon. We both served separately in Vietnam, and after our service we reconnected at the Vermont Army National Guard flight facility in Burlington. There, we flew UH-1 helicopters, the so-called warhorse of Vietnam. Will had no trouble mastering these machines (he was a Bird Dog pilot during the war), and he quickly ascended to positions of leadership.

At the gathering after Will's memorial service, the sun broke through the overcast sky, lending a warmth and color to an earlier gray day. Will's wife, Christie, invited me and my wife, Katie, to go into the Sumner's home and see photos of Will. There he was—on a bike; with long sideburns; with his beautiful bride; surrounded by family members.

Will's death leaves me so sad that I become still and stare, as though if I somehow look hard enough, I'll find him. But as sad as I am, I'm heartened to know that Will not only lived his life the way he wanted to, he left us with warm thoughts as well.

—Fred Stetson '65

In Memoriam

William Storrs Lee '28

August 3, 1906–August 13, 2004

On August 13, 2004, Middlebury College said good-bye to an alumnus, former employee, honorary degree recipient, and loyal friend. W. Storrs Lee '28 passed away in Boothbay Harbor, Maine, at the age of 98.

A native of Hanover, Connecticut, Lee arrived at Middlebury in 1924. On the occasion of his 50th reunion in 1978, Lee vividly recalled his matriculation at the College: "Late in September of 1924, we trudged up from the unimposing Middlebury railroad station lugging our own valises. We were on our own.

"The great majority of us had come from small towns or relatively small-city high schools—good, sound educational institutions, but without the trappings and social 'advantages' of exclusive, more expensive, more liberated prep schools—and we tended accordingly to overlook the fact that we had matriculated in a rather provincial college." Still, Lee continued, "Middlebury was endowed with a core of exceptionally capable faculty. . . . included in the credentials of various elders among our mentors were long periods of graduate work at Oxford and Cambridge and the Sorbonne."

Lee graduated from Middlebury in 1928 and was named a Dutton Fellow at Oxford University. He returned to the College in 1930 as both an instructor in the English department and editor of College publications, including the quarterly alumni magazine.

As editor of college publications, Lee learned that a large number of College records, as well as other important regional and town documents, were being stored in a disorganized town repository known as the Sheldon Museum. His interest in organizing the museum's records led to his appointment as a museum trustee, and subsequent appointment as president, serving a 10-year term.

In 1940, while College President Paul Moody was on leave, Lee served with two other faculty members on the administrative committee that was responsible for directing the affairs of the College. He subsequently was called to active duty as an intelligence officer in the Navy Reserve during World War II, attaining the rank of commander.

After the war, Lee returned to Middlebury, where he served as dean of men for 10 years. His second "tour" at Middlebury was met with high praise. In a 1947 Class Day address, a fellow World War II veteran and College graduate said: "If it is fair to other equally outstanding personalities of the faculty to mention one person who epitomizes the ideals of the entire student body, I think the unanimous choice would be Storrs Lee . . . a sympathetic, square-shooting dean, who believes in trusting the best in every other man."

Following his departure from the College in 1955, he continued to write, becoming the author or editor of two dozen books. His book *The Strength to Move a Mountain*, about the construction of the Panama Canal, received formal commendations from both houses of the United States Congress. An intrepid traveler, Lee wrote a series of literary chronicles of many of this country's states, including Hawaii, Maine, Washington, California, and Colorado.

Closer to home, Lee also wrote *Father Went to College*, a history of Middlebury College and the town of Middlebury, and *Gamaliel Painter*, a biography of the College's principal founder.

Originally published in 1952, *Gamaliel Painter* was republished in 2001 by Paul Eriksson '40 on the occasion of Storrs Lee's 95th birthday. The reissued edition contained an introduction from then College President John M. McCardell Jr. and glowing praise on the book jacket from several College professors.

Novelist Julia Alvarez '71 noted that "Lee writes with a novelist's eye and a stylist's prose," while Glenn Andres concluded: 'Storrs Lee has combined meticulous research and an engaging style to flesh out the story of not only a remarkable person, but also of the institutions, town, and state."

Just a few months before his death, Lee received an honorary doctor of letters degree on May 11, 2004 from President McCardell and a Middlebury College delegation at a ceremony at his home in Pemaquid, Maine.

Family survivors include two sons, Dr. William Storrs Lee IV and Ralph Minor Lee, four grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

Honoring Storrs
Storrs Lee '28 (cap and gown) received an honorary degree from Middlebury last May. Among the guests were Trustee Emeritus C. Irving Meeker '50 (left) and Storrs's son Ralph Minor Lee (center).

took part in marathons and triathalons throughout New England. He is survived by wife Christie (Thompson); children Christine, Richard Bradford, Travis Thompson, and Anne Olivia; mother, Jessica White Pirie; and many cousins, nephews, and nieces. He was predeceased by brothers Thurston Bradford Sumner Jr. and Richard B. Sumner '63.

86 **Ethan S. Naftalin**, 39, of Raleigh, N.C., on June 27, 2004. A 1989 graduate of Georgetown Law School, he worked in Washington, D.C., for three years before joining Hunton & Williams LLP in Raleigh. In addition to practicing in the area of environmental law, he published several articles and a book concerning the appropriate handling of spills of hazardous materials. Focusing much of his pro bono legal efforts on helping victims of domestic violence, he received many awards, including the Pro Bono Distinguished Community Service Award of Project Together, a statewide organization dedicated to the provision of legal services to victims of domestic violence. He was recognized as Outstanding Volunteer Attorney by the Wake County Volunteer Lawyers Program and as a Champion of Justice by the North Carolina Bar Association. He leaves parents Micah and Beth Naftalin and two sisters.

94 **Meaghan E. Murphy**, 31, of Wilmette, Ill. on October 19, 2003, of an inoperable brain tumor. After two years at Middlebury, she graduated from Coastal Community College in South Carolina and received her law degree from Notre Dame. She was a lawyer, pastry chef, world traveler, and connoisseur of coffee. She is survived by mother Cathleen Krepps, father Paul Murphy, sister Colleen Murphy, and stepsisters Rachel, Sarah, and Micah Krepps.

Language Schools

33 **Louise Whitney Jack**, 99, M.A. French, of Topsham, Maine, on April 9, 2004. She taught French and Spanish at North Quincy (Mass.) High School.

39 **Ada B. Martin**, 90, M.A. French, of Jacksonville, Fla., on June 22, 2004. She taught French in Pennsylvania, Maryland, New Jersey, and New York.

Frederick S. McVeigh, 91, M.A. French, of Essex, Vt., on September 3, 2004. He served in the Coast Guard during World War II. From 1935 to 1978 he was a French teacher, coach, and administrator at Mount Hermon School.

44 **Olga M. Mafera**, 99, M.A. Italian, of Revere, Mass., on May 20, 2004. As a teacher of French and Italian at the Revere High School (1927-1958) she was absent only twice. She then served as dean of girls, retiring in 1970.

49 **Virginia A. Elliott**, 94, English ('49, '50, '51, '52; Writers' Conference '68), of Pittsburgh, Pa., on May 13, 2004. She taught English at Mt. Lebanon High School and at the Univ. of Pittsburgh, retiring in 1977.

Laurel A. Johnson, 91, M.A. French, of Saratoga Springs, on June 11, 2004. She taught high school Latin and French for many years.

Patricia Cosgrove Paulsen

March 17, 1943–August 5, 2004

Although **Patricia Cosgrove** (M.A. French '70) and Lowell Paulsen (M.A. French '70) both majored in French at the University of California at Berkeley, they first met each other on July 2, 1965, under the old elm tree that stood in front of the west wing of Le Château. They were married in Boston exactly one year later, on July 2, 1966. When they learned, a few months after meeting, that the old elm tree had contracted the virulent Dutch elm disease and had to be cut down, Patricia remarked that (just as in Shel Silverstein's book, *The Giving Tree)* the elm in question "had finally fulfilled its true purpose as a catalyst for us."

Patricia taught French and Spanish at secondary schools in Maryland and in upstate New York until their 1980 move to California, where she taught special education in a high school and was a substitute teacher in several schools. Despite the demands of her final illness and the limitations resulting from a severe automobile accident in 1996, she continued to volunteer on a daily basis as a classroom aide at an elementary school, until June 2004. As a parent of a child with serious medical problems, she devoted much of her time for 22 years to helping families of children with special needs obtain quality medical care and access to appropriate educational resources.

We are sorry to report that Patricia passed away at home on August 5, 2004, after a two-year struggle against metastatic melanoma. She is survived by her husband and by their four grown children.

50 **Manfred Schweitzer**, 93, M.A. Spanish, of Lexington, Mass., on August 9, 2004. He taught Spanish at the Park School in Baltimore, Md., retiring in 1980 as acting headmaster.

52 **Johnston Torney**, 84, M.A. English, of Milton, Mass., on July 19, 2004. From 1946 until 1992, he taught English and Latin at Milton Academy.

53 **Joseph Figurito**, 82, DML Italian; M.A. French '49, of Roslindale, Mass., on August 6, 2004. He taught Romance languages and literature at Boston College for nearly six decades.

61 **Charlotte M. Gustafson**, 66, M.A. Spanish, of Lanham, Md., on June 10, 2004. She retired in 1990, after 35 years of teaching high school history and Spanish (in Japan and Washington, D.C.) and serving as a school counselor in the Maryland Public Schools.

62 **Bette G. Lee**, 86, M.A. Russian, of Ponca City, Okla., on July 12, 2004. With a doctorate in modern languages, she taught French, Russian, and English literature at Oklahoma State University.

Helen Elgin Soffer, 82, M.A. French, of Johnson City, N.Y., on August 2, 2004. She taught at Port Jefferson High School for 27 years.

64 **Oliver C. Turcotte**, 76, M.A. English, of Lynchburg, Va., on October 4, 2002. A Navy veteran of World War II, he taught English in Massachusetts, Maine, and Alaska. In retirement, he taught in Iran, Brazil, and Japan.

Roland D. Tausch, 75, M.A. German, of Sarasota, Fla. on May 15, 2004, of multiple myeloma due to Agent Orange exposure. A retired Army colonel, he served 31 months in the Vietnam War and had also served in Europe.

67 **Helen Armstrong de la Nuez**, 68, M.A. Spanish, of Brooklyn Heights, N.Y., on May 18, 2004. For 27 years she taught Spanish at Great Neck North High School, retiring in 1996.

70 **Agnes M. Kerr**, 82, M.A. French, of Burlington, Vt., on July 13, 2004. A teacher of French at Burlington High School (1966-1984), she was appointed by President Ronald Reagan to the President's Commission on Bilingual Education.

73 **William H. Riley Jr.**, 58, M.A. English, of Livermore, Maine, on October 7, 2003. At Jay High School he was a teacher, principal, and basketball coach.

Guenther Teschauer, 73, DML German, of Suffern, N.Y., on July 7, 2004. A teacher of German and Russian at Tenafly High School in New Jersey, he chaired the foreign language department for 40 years. The first to create a secondary school Russian curriculum in the State of New Jersey, he was recognized by the National Olympiada committee as an outstanding educator, received the Rockefeller Foundation Fellowship for High School Foreign Language Teachers, the Outstanding Teacher Award by the University of Chicago, and the Excellence in Teaching Award by the American Association of Teachers of Slavic and East European Languages. A daughter, Karin M. Teschauer, graduated from Middlebury in 1983.

83 **Valerie Dieter**, 49, M.A. French, of Willimantic, Conn., on July 27, 2004. She taught French language and culture at several Connecticut high schools.

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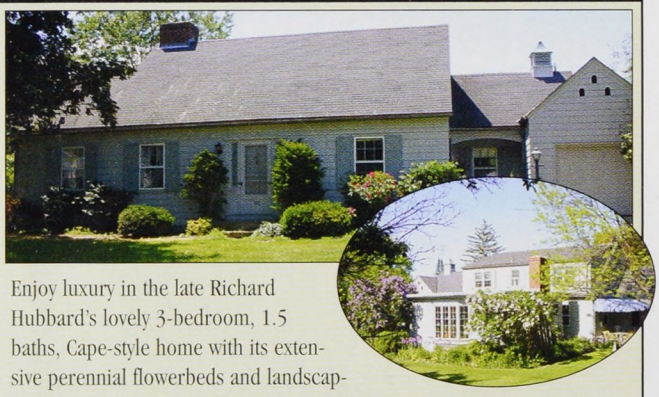

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What Middlebury Doesn't Teach

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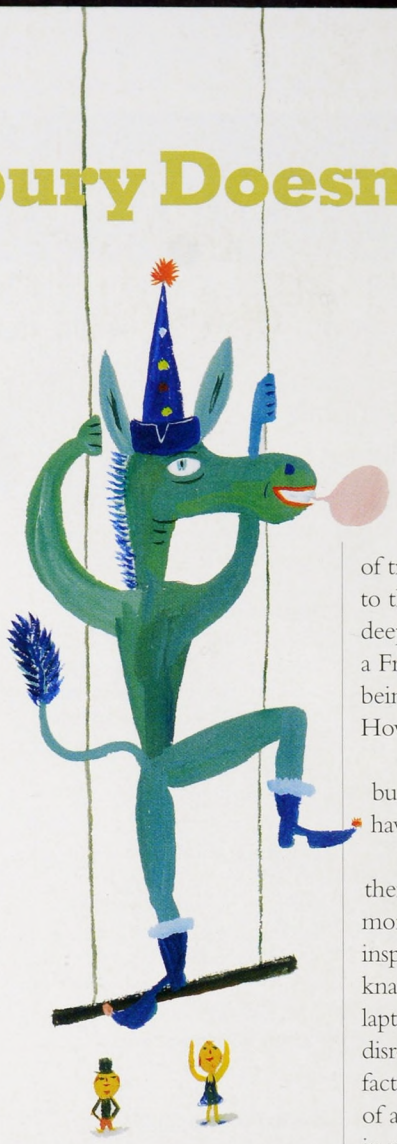
By Tad Gunkelman '97



The present: I'm doing a little illicit Internet surfing on my roommate's computer while she's away at lab. Like the other med students, I was issued a laptop when we matriculated, but I made the mistake of leaving a window open one morning after tea, and a knacker scaled our balcony and nicked it.

Not my fault. I grew up in North Dakota. I clearly underestimated the arboreal acumen of Irish adolescents.

The past: Middlebury's old science center still stands, and I'm shuffling into the main lecture hall to take an exam. I and the other acolytes of BI250 have spent the last torturous weeks feverishly reviewing metabolic pathways in all their complicated glory: the Krebs citric-acid cycle, the electron transport chain, anaerobic respiration, glycolysis. Professor Watters's 12-page exam, however, is exclusively on photosynthesis.

The last time I studied plants was in high school—and then only metaphysically while I lay on my back in a corn row I was meant to be weeding at the time.

Thus, both my present and past are rife with what Middlebury doesn't teach. This neglect is perpetrated willfully by Middlebury faculty, and quite frankly, it's something for which I'm eternally thankful. Let me explain.

In a typical Middlebury exam you're much less likely to be asked "the date of the Treaty of Versailles" (I couldn't even guess) than you are "how to solve World Hunger given only a donkey, two circus performers, and a piece of used chewing gum" (something I feel I could take a fair stab at). In one of Professor Bates's philosophy quizzes, I believe I received full credit for the following answer:

On mules we find two legs behind
Two legs we find before
We stand behind before we find
What the two behind be for
When we're behind the two behind
We find what these be for
So stand before the two behind
Behind the two before

I couldn't even begin to tell you what we were studying at the time.

My point is, I believe Middlebury is more concerned with teaching methods of thinking rather than facts and formulas. In testing photosynthesis when his lectures had almost exclusively focused on eukaryotic metabolism, Professor Watters challenged us to apply a knowledge of molecular process in a foreign context. Memorizing sequences of catalytic enzymes wasn't enough; we had to grasp a deeper meaning.

I'm currently a third-year medical student at the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, and nowhere are the benefits of a Middlebury education more apparent than at other institutions. During the Korean War, an American general remarked, "If you want to take a new hill, you send in the Irish. If you want to defend a hill you've already taken, you send in the British." Similarly, if you want to challenge existing conventions, you call upon Middlebury students. If you'd like to defend the status quo, perhaps you should recruit students from other schools.

The Nepali Himalayas, April 1998: After a hard day of trekking, I'm sitting down to the cribbage board and a deep-fried Snickers bar when a French climber accuses me of being a Middlebury graduate. How did he know?

"My wife went to Middlebury," he says. "Midd grads just have a certain *joie de vivre.*"

Middlebury and Ireland, then, share something in common. The impish irreverence inspiring a (no-doubt) needy knacker to abscond with my laptop is the same deliberate disrespect the College shows facts and figures. The true value of a Middlebury education lies in what Middlebury *doesn't* teach.

The present again: In a few short hours I am to deliver an address to the governing council of the Royal College of Surgeons. RCSI is renovating its preclinical curriculum, and I've volunteered to tell them "How Not to Teach." Perhaps med school isn't the right venue to advocate fewer facts and figures. Perhaps delivering no address at all would be better than giving an address apropos of "nothing," but then that would leave me with a donkey, two circus performers, and a piece of used chewing gum. Oh well, if nothing else comes of it, at least there are refreshments and tea afterwards. I'll just remember not to leave the window open.

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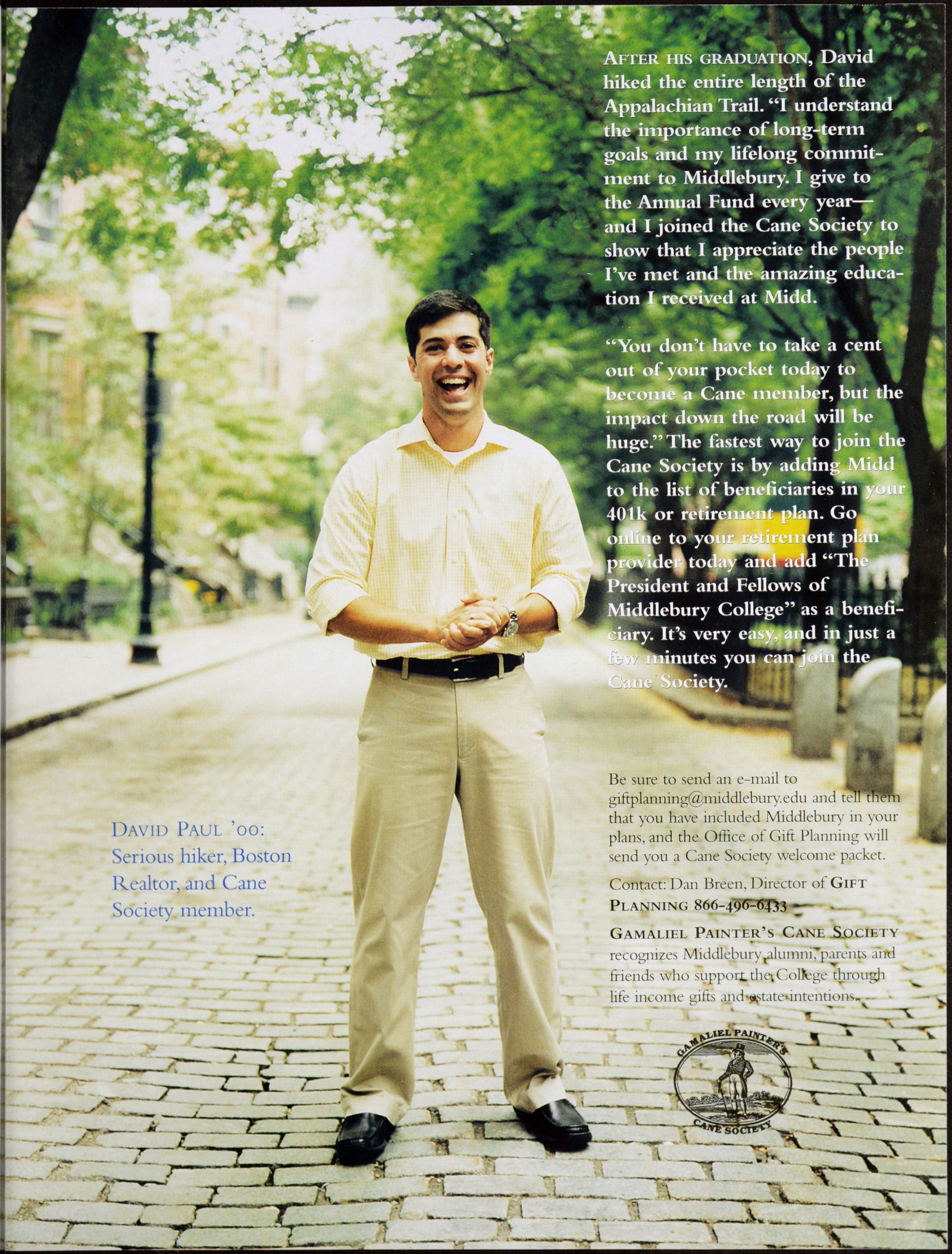

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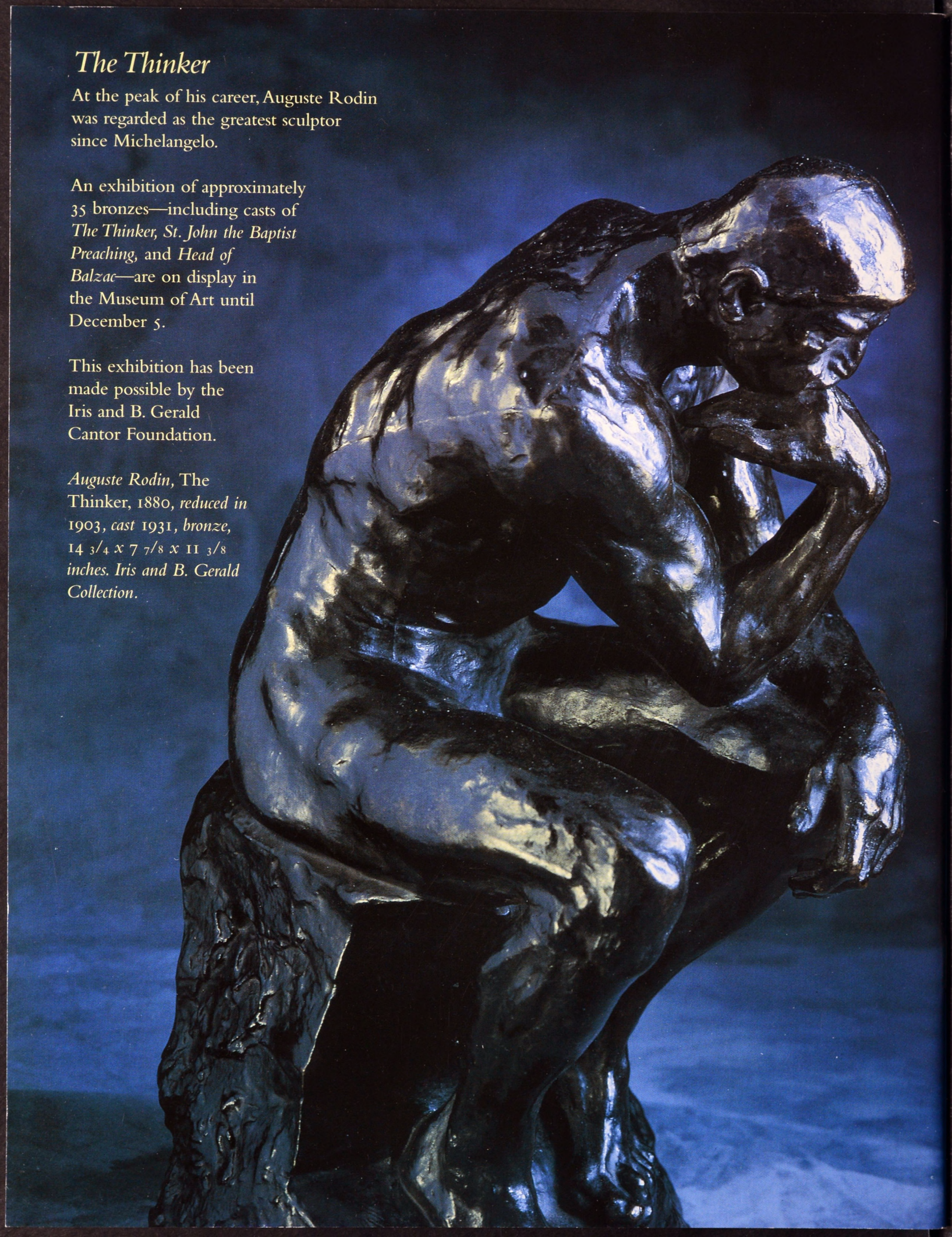
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